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GOLD LOAN SOUGHT FOR CHINA.

DISCLOSURE BY MR. KANN.

SILVER DOOMED TO LOW VALUE.

LEAGUE'S AID.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

An attempt to secure a huge gold loan for China at low interest to enable her to introduce a gold standard has been made by Mr. E. Kann, the well-known Shanghai exchange expert, and the author of "Currencies of China," it was disclosed to-night, when Mr. Kann gave an address on silver and its international aspects.

Mr. Kann was addressing a large gathering at the American Women's Club, and he stated that he had been communicating with the Economic Commission of the League of Nations in an attempt to secure a huge gold loan.

The result of his efforts were not yet known. If such a loan was made it would doubtless be made through the Bank of International Settlements.

China's Experiments.

He did not think it right for China to experiment in the gold standard in Kiangsu, Chekiang, Anhui and Kwangtung as had been suggested.

With the whole world discarding silver as a unit of monetary value, with the exception of China, he saw very little hope or chance that silver would rise in value from its present phenomenally low level, at least not sufficiently to make any material difference to the calamitous losses sustained by holders of silver.

Gold Standard.

The growth of the national wealth of all the world had been rapid with the adoption of the gold standard. Numerous countries in the world were now using more gold for currency purposes, and China should strive to establish a gold basis for her currency at the earliest opportunity.

Speaking of the low value of silver, Mr. Kann said that there was one favourable aspect of the situation. Inability to purchase foreign goods had been a means of forcing China to produce more native products.

No Hopes.

After reviewing the international conferences held in Europe during the late 80's and later in the nineteenth century, which aimed at solving the silver problem, and the relations between silver and gold, he said he had come to the conclusion that while theoretically sound, the most well meant advice offered was not capable of execution owing to the clashes of international interests.

The problem could only be solved by a paramilitary influential international group and so far nothing in that line had been achieved.

In the circumstances, he could not offer encouragement to those who thought it best to hang on to silver in the hope that its old value would be restored.

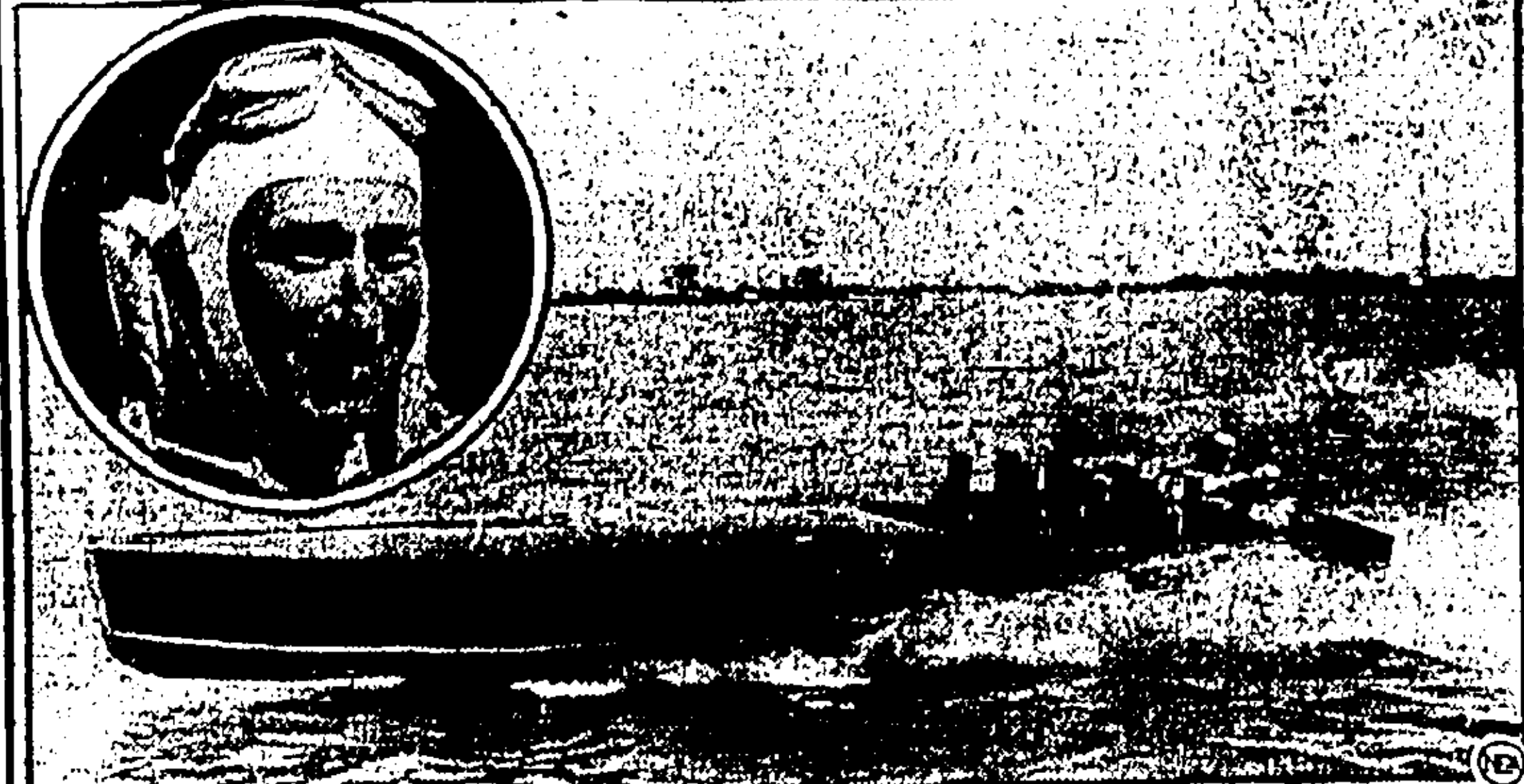
THE KING GOES OUT.

BRIEF WALK IN GROUNDS OF CASTLE.

London, Apr. 16.

For the first time since Good Friday, His Majesty the King left his apartments at Windsor Castle for a short time to-day, but did not leave the grounds of the Castle.—*Reuter.*

SIX VAIN ATTEMPTS ON RECORD.



TASK TOO MUCH FOR THE MISS AMERICA IX.

KAYE DON'S MARK HOLDS GOOD.

GAR WOOD'S EFFORTS BREAK DOWN.

OWN BEST BEATEN.

Miami (Florida), Apr. 16.

Commodore Gar Wood, America's foremost speed-boat champion, has not been slow to take up the challenge thrown down by Kaye Don, who broke the world's record at Buenos Aires a fortnight ago in Miss England II.

As promised in a cable of congratulations to Kaye Don, Commodore Gar Wood to-day endeavored to give the British racer another high mark to "shoot at," but the task was beyond the capacity of Miss America IX.

He made no fewer than six unsuccessful attempts, in two-way runs over the course at Indian Creek, tearing through the waters at over a hundred miles an hour on each occasion, but although he managed on one occasion to exceed his personal best of 102.155 miles an hour—which held as the world's record until Kaye Don achieved 103.49 miles an hour—he failed by nearly a mile an hour to top the British record.

Miss America IX (pictured above cutting through the waters of Indian Creek at 102 miles an hour on the occasion of Gar Wood's record-breaking feat, with the Commodore inset) is equipped with tremendously powerful engines, developing 2,200 h.p. as against a little over 1,000 h.p. credited to Lord Wakefield's boat, the Miss England II.

Engine Trouble.

After making six efforts, twelve runs all told, Miss America IX developed engine trouble, and Commodore Gar Wood had to perform to abandon further efforts.

As a matter of fact, the present record is probably short-lived, as Kaye Don is taking Miss England II to Lake Garda in Italy to compete for the Annunzio Cup. It is anticipated that on that occasion, in cooler climes, Miss England II will exceed 110 m.p.h. At Buenos Aires, the high temperatures (105 degrees in the shade were registered during the record-breaking feat) upset calculations on the cooling of the engine and combustion, compelling the use of a larger propeller at a sacrifice of speed.—*Reuter.*

AUSTRALIAN DEBT REDUCTION.

MOTHER COUNTRY'S ACTION CHEERED.

London, Apr. 16.

Cheers from both Parties of the House in the Australian House of Representatives at Canberra to-day greeted the announcement by the Premier, Mr. Scullin, that Britain had agreed to a reduction in the payment of Australia's war indebtedness during the next two years.—*British Wireless.*

CONVICT KILLED AT VICTORIA GAOL.

ROPE BREAKS IN DARING BID FOR LIBERTY.

FALLS FORTY FEET.

AFTER BREAKING out of his cell and temporarily gaining the roof of a prison block, a long-term prisoner at Victoria Gaol was killed last night in a daring attempt to gain the street by means of an improvised rope, which snapped under the strain of his weight. The convict fell some forty feet to the compound of the gaol and was killed instantly.

This fatal bid for liberty was made round about 9.30 p.m. in pitch darkness, the man having previously made a rope constructed of rags, and strips torn from his own clothing, it is believed.

BREAKS OUT OF CELL.

The full facts of a daring attempt to escape from Victoria Gaol at 9.30 p.m. last night, resulting in the death of one of the prisoners, are being investigated at an inquest to be held this afternoon, when doubtful points are expected to be cleared up.

The dead man was named Chau Wei, and he was serving a sentence of twenty years' hard labour, in connection, it is understood, with a case of sending threatening letters and association with a Triad society.

He had served seven years of his sentence, and last night was incarcerated in a cell in the top floor of the three-storied "E" Hall, which is situated on the Arbutnot Road side of the gaol.

No Alarm Raised.

He was alone in the cell and it is thought in official quarters that no other prisoners were concerned in the man's bid for freedom, for which he had evidently been preparing for some considerable time past.

The attempt at escape was not discovered until the dead body of the convict was found in the compound of the gaol by a warder on patrol, a few minutes after the man's tragic fall. No alarm had been raised, and the manner of the man's death has been adduced from a broken rope, made of rags.

It was first reported that he had made a hole in the roof of his cell, but later information suggests that he smashed his way through a skylight, though no information has been obtained as to his method of reaching the skylight.

On gaining the roof of "E" block, he made use of the rag rope which he had prepared, some of the rope being, it is said, strips torn from his own clothing, and attempted one of two things, either to gain a drain-pipe on the wall of the building, or to swing himself out from the wall of the building to the outer wall of the gaol, which is only a few feet away.

Killed Instantly.

It seems possible that he let himself down as far as he dared and then tried to swing himself out to the main wall, the rope failing to stand the strain, snapping and sending the man hurtling to the ground some forty feet below.

He must have been killed almost instantly, having fractured his skull.

GREGALACH PRIZE EXEMPTED.

AMERICAN TO ESCAPE TAXATION.

Buffalo City, Apr. 16.

The U.S. Treasury will not benefit from the big prize won by Mr. Clayton of Buffalo, in the Irish Hospitals Sweep on the Grand National, according to the decision of the legal adviser, who held that the Gregalach ticket was exempted from taxation on the ground that the wealth was acquired from sources outside the State.

Mr. Clayton won \$177,272, taking second prize, and it was thought that he would have to pay \$40,000 in income tax.—*Reuter.*

COLONY'S REBUFF TO LORD BEAVERBROOK.

VIEWS ON EMPIRE FREE TRADE.

PERSUASIVE LETTER FROM HOME.

EMPHATIC "NO."

That the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce recently had the unpleasant duty of administering a rebuff to Lord Beaverbrook's views on Empire Free Trade and on the introduction into the Colony of tariffs on non-Empire goods, is disclosed in the annual report of the Chamber just issued.

The Chamber was approached for its views by the Hon. Sir James Parr, on behalf of Lord Beaverbrook, Sir James writing as follows:

"I am directed by Lord Beaverbrook to communicate with your Association on the subject of Empire Free Trade. He would be greatly obliged if, after considering the matter, your Association could see its way to give the new policy their support."

"As the subject is growing in importance every day in Great Britain, may we hope that you will consider Lord Beaverbrook's policy and express your opinion thereon. A resolution from your Association would greatly assist the campaign in this country."

Fiscal Union.

"In the short space of some six months a remarkable public interest has been created in Great Britain, and it is no exaggeration to say that everywhere the policy is gaining ground. Indeed, on the 6th of this month (May) a bye-election at West Fulham was fought on this issue, and the Candidate, supported by Lord Beaverbrook, won the seat from the Socialist who had hitherto held it. The Conservative Party has also formally adopted the Policy of Empire Free Trade."

Lord Beaverbrook's view is that the Colonies should come into a fiscal Union with the Homeland on a basis of Free Trade on both sides. This course, I should explain, does not imply the removal or abrogation of the duties imposed in the Colonies for revenue purposes.

"Revenue Duties."

"Under Lord Beaverbrook's scheme you would still retain unaffected, all duties imposed for revenue purposes, as distinct from protective purposes. Nor would your right to levy purely revenue duties in future be in any way impaired. Lord Beaverbrook recognizes that in many of the Colonies the only practicable method for raising the bulk of their revenues must be by a tax on imports. Direct taxation as a rule, we know, under present Colonial circumstances, is impracticable. But his case is that the Colonies should raise their tariffs from the present level against the foreigners, so as to give such a real and effective advantage to British goods as to permit of their successful entry into the Colonies against foreign competition."

"Advantages."

"In the making of arrangements between Great Britain and the Colonies there should be full consultation. We presume the procedure would entail a Conference between the local Governors and their trade officials and advisers on the one side, and the British Minister and his advisers on the other side. Lord Beaverbrook believes the advantages that the Colonies would reap from his fiscal policy (as thus outlined) would be very substantial. Great Britain would still continue to let into her markets Colonial products quite free of duty, but would impose a tariff against and upon all foreign goods. A most valuable sheltered market would be created. The Colonies would have the privilege of catering on the best fiscal terms for the needs of Great Britain's 45 millions of people. We believe that there is not one of the British Colonies which would not reap immediate and substantial advantages from this effective protection of their goods against foreign competition. One can safely visualise a mutually profitable and ever growing trade."

"Business Aspect."

"In the above statement we have placed the purely business aspect of our programme before you. We could, of course, add the argument of sentiment which exists amongst all of us in favour of the strengthening, securing, and maintaining of the British Empire."

"Are we to get closer together in trade, and thus maintain the greatest League of Nations in the world, that is, the British Commonwealth, and the League of Nations?"

ALFONSO MOBBED IN PARIS.

REMARKABLE SCENES AT GARE DE LYON.

BIG DEMONSTRATION.

Paris, Apr. 16.

King Alfonso, looking haggard and worn, stepped out of his train from Marseilles at the Gare de Lyon at 11.10 p.m. into a maelstrom of shrieking French and Spanish monarchists.

He sportingly faced a risk of serious injury as he was carried, twisted and twisted by his excited compatriots and sympathisers, and he was finally pushed into a motor-car.

It was probably the only man among the huge crowd to have successfully kept his head. He was certainly one of the few who kept his hat.

It is reported from Madrid that one of the first acts of the new Republican Government has been to publish a decree cancelling the institution of Summer Time in Spanish Territory.—*Reuter.*

SINGAPORE AS AIR PORT.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI ON ITS FUTURE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Apr. 17.

The following special message to the *Singapore Free Press* from His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi), who is on leave in England, arrived by the first air mail which landed at Seletar on route to Australia yesterday at noon:

"I wish the England-Australia Air Mail, which starts on Saturday, all possible success. Its inauguration is an event of first-rate importance to Malaya House, whose communications and commerce cannot fail to derive great benefit therefrom."

"I hope to see Singapore soon become one of the busiest air-ports in the world."

The plane left at dawn to-day following a route to Port Darwin from Singapore through Muntok, Sourabaya and Kupang.

CAMPBELL'S NEW QUEST.

ATTACK ON SMALL CAR RECORD.

London, Apr. 16.

Sir Malcolm Campbell, holder of the world's land speed record, will drive a new seven-h.p. Austin of novel design in a fresh attempt on the record for small cars this year.

He created a small car record with a Buick Austin at 94 miles an hour after capturing the all-car record of 247 m.p.h. in his high-powered Bluebird car at Daytona. His small car record was subsequently beaten by an M.G. Midget.—*British Wireless.*

DUTY ON FOREIGN TEA URGED.

QUESTIONER ASKED TO AWAIT BUDGET.

London, Apr. 16.

On the ground that since 1919 the imports of foreign tea into Great Britain had more than doubled while imports of Empire tea had remained practically stationary, Sir Alfred Knox, in the House of Commons, asked if the Chancellor of the Exchequer would consider an import duty on foreign tea.

Pethick-Lawrence, replying, declined to anticipate the Budget, but said that Sir Alfred Knox's figures and facts were incorrect.—*Reuter.*

CHINESE PILOT KILLED.

CRASHES OUTSIDE NANKING CITY.

Nanking, Apr. 16.

An aerial fatality, involving the death of an officer of the Nanking Aerial Department, occurred this morning when Mr. Woo Hung-chi, who was piloting a Government plane, crashed outside the Tung Chi Gate here.

The pilot was killed instantaneously and the plane was completely destroyed.

GOVERNMENT SURVIVES VOTE OF CENSURE.

ELECTION PLEDGE DEBATED.

PREMIER THREATENS RESIGNATION.

BIG MAJORITY.

London, Apr. 16.

A crowded and excited House of Commons greeted Mr. Stanley Baldwin this afternoon when he rose to move a vote of censure on the Government for its failure to fulfil its election pledges in regard to unemployment.

The debate has created exceptional interest, as the result may decide the fate of the Government. The public galleries were packed to overflowing, and many peers were present.

The division is expected to be particularly critical owing to the uncertain attitude of many Liberal members. It is generally expected that the motion will be defeated but only by a narrow margin.

Vigorous Attack.

Mr. Baldwin's attack on the Government was unusually vigorous. He asserted that the Government had not only lost the confidence of the country, but had lost confidence in itself.

Mr. Tom Johnston, the new Lord Privy Seal, who rose as the chief Government spokesman, dwelt at considerable length on the steps taken by the Government to combat unemployment.

Peers Blamed.

He blamed the House of Lords for "assassinating" the Government's Education Bill raising the school leaving age to fifteen, and he emphasised the inability of the Dominions to take further emigrants, which increased the difficulties of unemployment in Great Britain.

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**ALFONSO NOW IN
FRANCE.**

REACHES MARSEILLES ON
CRUISER.

REFUSES TO TALK.

Paris, Apr. 16.
Alfonso has arrived at Mar-
seilles on the cruiser Principe
Alfonso. Throughout the day
French and Spanish wireless
stations had been fruitlessly try-
ing to communicate with the cruiser
since its departure from Cartage-
na, and the non-arrival of the
vessel at Marseilles, had pro-
voked much speculation as to the
King's destination.

Refuses Interview.

Marseilles, Apr. 16.
The cruiser Principe Alfonso
slipped unobtrusively into har-
bour at dawn. The King, dressed
in a brown overcoat and dark
grey suit, and looking like any or-
dinary traveller, landed at 6
o'clock in the morning, accom-
panied by the Duke of Miranda
and his cousin, the Infante Al-
fonso of Bourbon.
The party hailed a taxi and
drove through the deserted
streets to a fashionable hotel.
Alfonso did not look unduly tired
after his ordeal, but went straight
to his room where he breakfasted.
"Leave me alone, please," was
all Alfonso would say to a jour-
nalist who followed him to the
hotel, and the King pushed his
would-be interviewer aside with a
gentle gesture.
Alfonso is leaving for Paris, at
noon.

The People to Decide.

"Make it quite clear that his
Majesty has not abdicated," said
the Duke of Miranda, Alfonso's
major domo, when interviewed by
Reuters. Alfonso, who declined to
see interviewers, instructed the
Duke of Miranda to make a state-
ment on his behalf.

The Duke declared that the King
fully retained all his Royal prerogatives. His sole object in leaving
Spain was to avoid civil war.
The King would allow the people
to pronounce their desires de-
finitely at the general elections in
June, and how to the decision of
the people.

Alfonso plans to join his family
in Paris, where they will stay
some time. After that the Royal
family may go to London, but
nothing has been definitely decid-
ed.—*Reuters.*

A Cryptic Utterance.

Later.
"Believe me, it needed more
courage to do what I have done
than to lead a cavalry charge,"
was the striking declaration of
Alfonso before entraining for
Paris. He added, cryptically,
"After the general elections, we
shall see."—*Reuters.*

Queen Reaches Paris.

Paris, Apr. 16.
The Queen of Spain and her
family arrived at Paris at 9
o'clock this morning.

A Great Welcome.

Tremendous crowds assembled
outside the station to witness the
arrival of Queen Ena.

President Doumergue's repre-
sentatives, the Papal Nuncio, and
the Spanish Ambassadors to Paris
and Brussels greeted her Majesty
on a red-carpeted platform.

The Queen, who was calm and
self-possessed, was presented with
red and yellow bouquets (the
monarchists' colours). Her daugh-
ters were nervous and tearful.
There was a touching scene when
porters lifted the invalid Prince of
the Asturias from the carriage.

Cries of "Vive la Reine!" greet-
ed the party on their entering their
motor-cars, which were hardly
able to move in the dense crowd.
Twenty-eight rooms have been
reserved in a hotel in Rue Rivoli
for the Royalists and their suite,
numbering thirty-three persons al-
together.—*Reuters.*

Queen Interviewed.

Bordeaux, Apr. 16.
A Queen's tears have deeply
moved republican France. Her
Majesty of Spain was acclaimed at

OBITUARY.

**DEATH OF MR. F. MCINTYRE
AT SHANGHAI.**

Shanghai, Apr. 16.
Mr. Frederick W. McIntyre, the
manager of the electrical division
of Messrs. Anderson, Meyer and
Co., died in the General Hospital
at 2 a.m. to-day, at the age of 51.
He was taken ill suddenly yes-
terday afternoon, after dining
with some friends, and was hur-
ried to hospital, where all efforts
to save his life failed.
He is survived by a wife and
daughter.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

every stopping place. After leav-
ing the frontier, the Royal saloon
was heaped with floral offerings.
Even in Spain there were af-
fectionate greetings at many towns.
A group of friends bidding fare-
well at San Sebastian broke down
on seeing the Queen with tear-
stained face and hair noticeably
whiter.

Talking to a French journalist
at Hendaye, Queen Ena said she
was unaware of the whereabouts of
the King. "All I know is that the
ship transporting him has dis-
appeared from sight of land. Oh!
What terrible hours."

The interviewer expressed the
opinion that abdication was pre-
ferable to bloodshed. The weary
Queen was suddenly galvanised, and
exclaimed, "Abdicate! He has
gone; that is all." The Queen said
the revolution was most unexpect-
ed, and it seemed as if a wave of
Communism had frenzied the people.
"If we remained in Madrid I do not
know what would have happened
even to our lives." The Queen
paused, and added, "The army at
least was partly for the King, but
he did not wish to appeal to it."—*Reuters.*

Belgian Queen's Visit.

Brussels, Apr. 16.
The Queen of the Belgians has
left for Paris to visit Queen Ena
of Spain.—*Reuters.*

Trouble in Places.

Seville, Apr. 16.
Martial law has been declared
here as the result of Communist
disturbances.

The Communists demonstrated at
the barracks, demanding arms with
which to fight the Civil Guards,
whom they regard as monarchial
mercenaries. Shots were ex-
changed between troops and the de-
monstrators, and one Communist
was killed.

Troops have had to be called out
at Bilbao to prevent trouble.
Quiet is reported elsewhere.—*Reuters.*

Malaga Mob. Out of Hand.

Later.
In Madrid the excitement has
subsided and the population has
resumed normal life.

A mob at Malaga set fire to the
offices of the Mercantile Union,
and punctured the hoses of fire-
men fighting the flames. The
buildings were gutted.

The warehouse and offices of
another local firm were burned
down.—*Reuters.*

Rioting at Barcelona.

Barcelona, Apr. 16.
There was much rioting all
night long here, but the city is now
quiet.

Military planes this morning
flew over the city, showing the Re-
publican flag, which has also been
hoisted by a portion of the fleet
in the harbour.—*Reuters.*

National Holiday.

Madrid, Apr. 16.
A national holiday is being cele-
brated all over the country.

In Madrid and elsewhere, the out-
going and the incoming govern-
ments apparently co-operated to
prevent any outbreaks, and General
Sanjurjo has placed himself at
the disposal of the Provisional Gov-
ernment for the maintenance of
order.

There was an ugly suspicion for
a moment, which dangerously re-
placed the goodwill with which
the celebrating crowds had pre-
viously regarded the famous Civil
Guards.

Instead of fraternising with
them, the crowds started booing
and baiting the guards as Monar-
chial Relics.

The situation was saved by the
senior officers, who ostentatiously

**POPULATION OF
COLONY.**

**KOWLOON DOUBLED IN
TEN YEARS.**

According to a Preliminary Re-
port on the Census of Hongkong,
which was carried out five weeks
ago, the total population of Hong-
kong, Kowloon and New Kowloon,
the New Territories, and the float-
ing population, is now 852,932, as
compared with the official figure
of 625,166 when the last census
was taken in 1921.

The Preliminary Report was
issued yesterday afternoon by Mr.
W. J. Carrie, the Superintendent
of Census, and he points out that
the features of the returns are
that while the population on the
island of Hongkong has increased
by only 77,000, the population of
Kowloon has more than doubled
itself; and that whereas there
were 633 females for every 1,000
males in 1921, the proportion has
now risen to 742. The Prelimi-
nary Report is as follows:

Work Well Done.

The Census of the Colony was
taken on the 7th March, 1931.
The preliminary Census com-
menced on the 19th, February and
continued up to the Census Day.
The revision of the work done dur-
ing that fortnight and the actual
Census was carried out on the
morning of Sunday, 8th March.

Reports received from the Chief
Enumerators were on the whole
favourable and showed that the
work on the preliminary census
was fairly well done; the revision
was carried out as quickly as
could be expected and the returns
were, with few exceptions, re-
ceived at the Census Office in the
course of a few days.

The date fixed for the Census
was satisfactory. It was, how-
ever, only 18 days after China
New Year and it might have been
better to have waited another
week or fortnight. The returns
from the Harbour Office and from
the Railway show, however, that
while the balance of emigration
over immigration was about 11,000
during the two weeks ending 28th
February, in the following week
ending on Census Day there was
a balance inward of over 7,500
persons. The bulk, therefore, of
those who had left for the China
New Year holiday had probably
returned.

The Census of the Floating
Population was taken on two days,
the 7th and 8th March under the
supervision of the Chief Junk
Inspector, and of Police Officers
in charge of Launches for out-
lying areas.

Tabulated Returns.

The following table has been
prepared from the totals in the
Enumerators' Summary Books as
regards Hongkong, Kowloon and
New Kowloon and from a rapid
counting of the entries in the
Forms for the New Territories
and Floating Population where
Summary Books were not used.
The figures must be taken as a
close approximation only.

Year	Males	Females	Total
1921	211,985	123,316	347,401
1931	254,047	169,775	424,822
Kowloon and N. Kowloon.			
1921	74,698	48,760	123,448
1931	144,848	118,051	262,899
New Territories.			
1921	41,767	41,396	83,163
1931	48,496	48,007	96,503
Floating Population.			
1921	4,307	25,847	71,154
1931	41,355	27,653	69,008
Grand Totals.			
1921	332,857	242,309	625,166
1931	469,946	382,876	852,822

A Small Increase.

Two comments only need be
made at this stage:

1.—The population of the Island
of Hongkong has increased by
77,000 only, a smaller increase
than that which took place in the
previous decade; the population
of Kowloon has more than doubled
itself.

2.—The masculinity of the
population continues to decrease.
In 1921 there were only 633
females per 1,000 males; in 1931
the proportion had risen to 742.

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their uniforms and watched the
rank and file following suit to the
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Reuters.



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A large number of persons who went to the Great Exhibition of 1851, in Hyde Park, London, were the guests at Burlington House of the executive committee of the International Exhibition of Persian Art. Lord Macmillan is seen speaking to the guests. (Times copyright.)



Photo taken in Shanghai when Miss Lilian Augusta Koenig became the bride of Mr. William Robert Davison.



Colonel R. S. Hooker (U. S. M. C.) inspecting the American Company, S. V. C. on a route march.



The Rev. Elliot White, who has resigned from the fashionable Grace Church, New York and has joined the unemployed in apple selling.



Dr. W. R. Peck, first U. S. Consul in Nanking.



Mahatma Gandhi, whose health is good in spite of his long imprisonment, is seen above enjoying a good meal.



At the annual fireman's demonstration in New York. Ex-Governor Smith may be seen under the hat.



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Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all club dues, etc.

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C. B. BROWN,
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2453	At Junction of Ki Lung Street and Poplar Street.	N. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	As per sale plan.	About 7,437	\$136
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AMERICAN CHEMIST'S ASSERTION.

New York, Mar. 21. Of 30 paintings in the Metropolitan Museum Art Gallery attributed to Rembrandt, only one, namely, "The Guide," which was recently bequeathed to the museum by Mrs. H. O. Havemeyer, is genuine, and even that is perhaps a little doubtful, in the opinion of Dr. Maximilian Toch, the famous chemist, who addressed the New York Microscopical Society last night on his investigations in this connection.

Dr. Toch reached his conclusion as a result of microscopical-chemical and X-ray studies.

"Dr. Toch's statement may be taken with a grain of salt," writes an art critic. "I have before me a list of portraits in the Metropolitan Museum, which are ascribed to the Dutch master. Fourteen of these are in the Altman bequest, seven of which passed through the hands of Messrs. Duveen and eight are signed and dated."

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The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$2035 n.
Chartered Bank, \$15½ n.
Mercantile A. and R., \$24 n.
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Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1400 sn.
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China Underwriters, \$4½ b.
China Fires, \$525 b.
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H. K. Steamboats, \$26½ b.
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Kailana, \$1½ n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 5½ n.
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Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, 162½ b.
Whampoa Docks, \$28½ b.
South China Motors \$10 n.
China Provident, \$5.35 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 300 b.
New Engineers, Tls. 6¼ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 113 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cotton Tls. 14½ b.
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Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$14½ b.
H. K. Land, \$84¾ b.
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Humphreys, \$16¼ b.
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Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17.80 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14½ n.
Star Ferries, \$93½ b.
China Lights, (old) \$25.30 b.
H. K. Electric, \$79½ s.
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China Buses, Tls. 18.20 n.
Singapore Tractions, 6/6 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Mainbans \$39 n.
Canton Ice, \$3¾ b.
Cement (Comb.) \$18 b.
Ropes, \$115½ b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$26 sn.
Watson, \$12.60 b.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$5¼ b.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sincere, \$13¼ n.
Powells, \$2.85 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$27.7½ sn.
Constructions, \$5.80 s.
B'quo Ind. G. Bonds, \$88½ b.

EDUCATION COSTS.

ANOTHER JUMP IN THE ESTIMATES.

In the year before the War the Estimates of the Board of Education amounted to £14,660,311. For the coming financial year they are £18,362,377.

In 1913-14 local expenditure on education was £30,011,000. In 1931-32 it is assumed, for the purpose of grants, at £38,600,000. These figures are taken from a memorandum on the Board's estimates issued in London recently.

The grants for elementary education will be £36,511,550; and for higher education £10,480,219; increases respectively of £1,662,530; and £955,834. The greater part of the Board's expenditure is in the payment of grants which depend partly on the number of children in the elementary schools, partly on the wealth or poverty of the areas, but principally on the "net recognised expenditure" of the local education authorities.

By far the larger part of this expenditure is for elementary teachers' salaries, which is estimated at £42,900,000, an increase of £300,000 on the year. There are 171,200 full time adult teachers in regular employment as well as occasional and emergency student, pupil, and part time teachers. The provision of meals will cost £230,000.

Expenditure Per Child. The cost of elementary education per child, which was £4 15s. 2d. in 1913-14, has grown to £12 19s. 2d. in 1931-32. The average attendance, however, has gone down in that period from £5,831.479 to £4,950,000.

Higher education, on which local authorities spent £4,403,000 in 1913-14, will cost in 1931-32 £17,000,000, an increase over this financial year of £1,420,000. The net expenditure per registered pupil is £21 1s.

The numbers attending on October 1 last were 410,985, of whom it is estimated that 218,961 paid fees and 192,024 did not. In the 1,365 schools 5.6 per cent. were free, 19.5 did not charge more than 8 guineas; 62.8 charged between 8 and 16 guineas; and only 12.1 more than 16 guineas.

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Amoy	Talma	April 17.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B. C. 28th March)	Empress of Canada	April 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 20th March)	Pres. Adams	April 18.
Dairen and Amoy	Tienlak	April 19.
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For	Date and Time
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kongso .. Fri., Apr. 17, 4 p.m.
Formosa	Nitto Maru .. Fri., Apr. 17, 5 p.m.
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Amoy	Kum Sang .. Fri., Apr. 17, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakozaki Maru .. Sat., Apr. 18.
	Registration .. Apr. 17, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters .. Apr. 17, 4.30 p.m.
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	Registration .. Apr. 17, 5 p.m.
	Letters .. Apr. 17, 5 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 10th May).
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jefferson .. Sat., Apr. 18.
	Parcels .. Sat., Apr. 18, 3 p.m.
	Registration .. Sat., Apr. 18, 3 p.m.
	Letters .. Sat., Apr. 18, 3 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. 6th May).
	Empress of Canada .. Sat., Apr. 18, 3.30 p.m.

From	Date and Time
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden and Egypt	Pilsna .. Sat., Apr. 18, 6 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan .. Sun., Apr. 19, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hazan Maru .. Sun., Apr. 19, 9 a.m.
Straits	Taiestas .. Mon., Apr. 20, 2.30 p.m.
*Swatow and Amoy	Antung .. Mon., Apr. 20, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea .. Mon., Apr. 20, 3 p.m.

From	Date and Time
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Heian Maru .. Tues., Apr. 21.
	Registration .. Apr. 20, 5 p.m.
	Letters .. Apr. 21, 5.50 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver B.C. 11th May)

From	Date and Time
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Change .. Tues., Apr. 21.
	Parcels .. Tues., Apr. 21, 5 p.m.
	Registration .. Apr. 21, 5.45 a.m.
	Letters .. Apr. 21, 10.30 a.m.
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WOMEN'S WORLD

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Bizarre Effect.

Dramatic in their climb to social success, pyjamas for lounging and beach wear indulge in their flair for the bizarre. Enchantingly "different" is a black-white, printed and plain suit from Jay-Thorp that achieves an entirely new spiral effect by using curved bands of plain white crepe and printed black and white crepe.

One shoulder strap only is needed for this unusual suit and thereby the spiral effect is heightened. They are fitted and flare to wide trouser legs. The white jacket that goes over the suit is fitted and flared and has bandings of the prints.

PLAIN MATERIALS.**Skirt Length Unchanged.**

Fewer printed materials are being shown, the dressmakers preferring to put hand-embroidery on their gowns, and they are showing many fabrics stitched all over in various patterns.

As to skirt lengths, they are unchanged for sports clothes, although an inch longer for formal street wear. Some dressmakers are making them a good deal shorter than that. Evening gowns are of two varieties—the practical, with ankle-length skirts, and the very formal, with hems sweeping the floor.

The concentration of chic at the back of a dress, which is the outstanding characteristic of the 1880 modes, has perhaps given inspiration to other kinds of back movement that are very noticeable in our present fashions. The plain, unadorned back that the coat has had this long time is this season much less evident, and wraps that are seen around Paris often have a distinct flare towards the back, or they are otherwise adorned there.

FASHION NOTES.**Colours in Sports Clothes.**

An authority on knitted sports clothes has said that on the Riviera yellow is the colour that follows white in large numbers. Next come various shades of pink and the pale greens, especially the shade known as absinthe.

Two-colour effects are important in sports clothes, skirts of one colour, with jackets and blouses of another. This suggests possibilities of varying costumes through the inter-change of a jacket, skirt, or blouse, from one suit to another.

There are several excellent examples of the success attendant upon combining two colours or two shades in a costume, such as one seen which had been carried out in peach and navy blue, and another, in pale yellow and brown, was smart.

A dark blue skirt and coat, for instance, has a lace Shetland blouse in a very pale blue.

EVENING DRESSES.**Some Notes from Paris.**

The new evening dresses certainly draw attention to themselves at all costs. You may admire or disapprove of them but you cannot help noticing them. After the frills and furbelows and meaningless bits and pieces of the frocks worn last season, hitched up in front, and almost trailing down at the back, showing ankles that would have been better discreetly hidden, we now have frocks that by their clever line, proportion, and simplicity are becoming to every woman, the sleek, tight bodice for the young figure, with its skirt of ample length, and the normal waistline, with the severe type of frock, long and backless, for the women of all ages.

A phase of dress has now been reached where an atmosphere can be once more created by a woman.

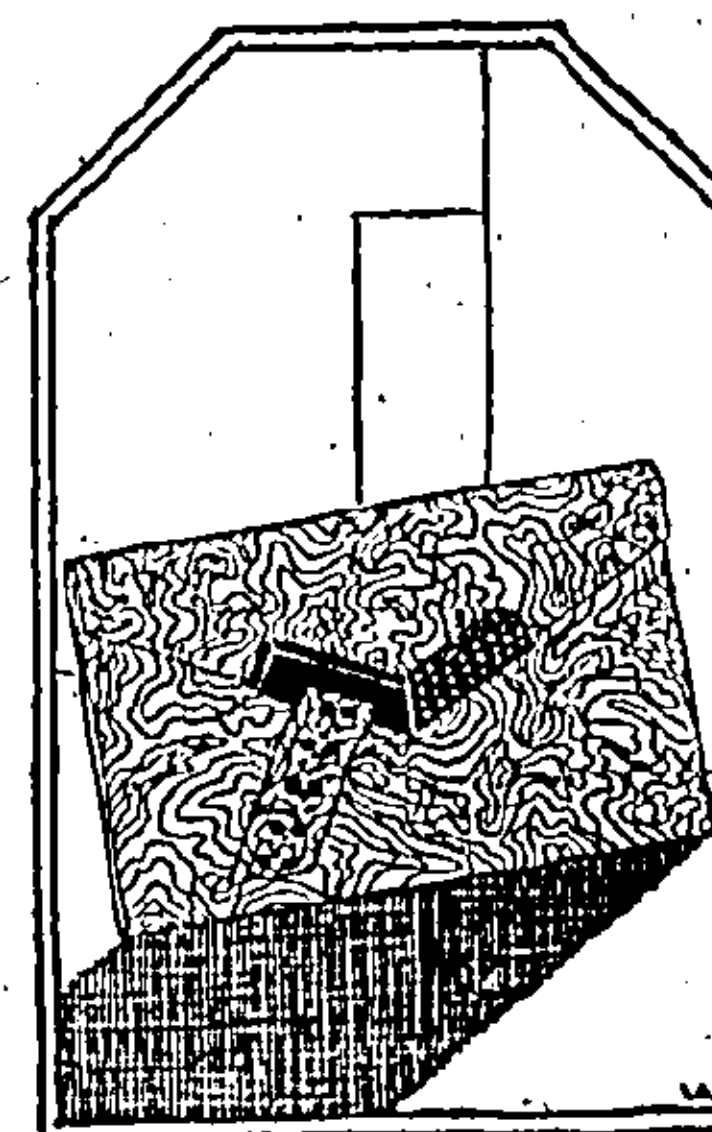
Nearly all the evening frocks are backless. The bare-back frock is a very charming fashion for those who can wear it, and many are the women who can. The woman who can wear this style of frock successfully, must have a faultless skin, with well-set shoulders, and then she need not worry, for she will look perfectly all right.

There are new sleeved evening gowns with bishop and cardinal sleeves, puffed, ruffled, draped, or trailing sleeves, all bearing the decorative burden on the silhouette, whether that resembles a page boy, Monna Lisa, a wasp, or good Queen Bess.

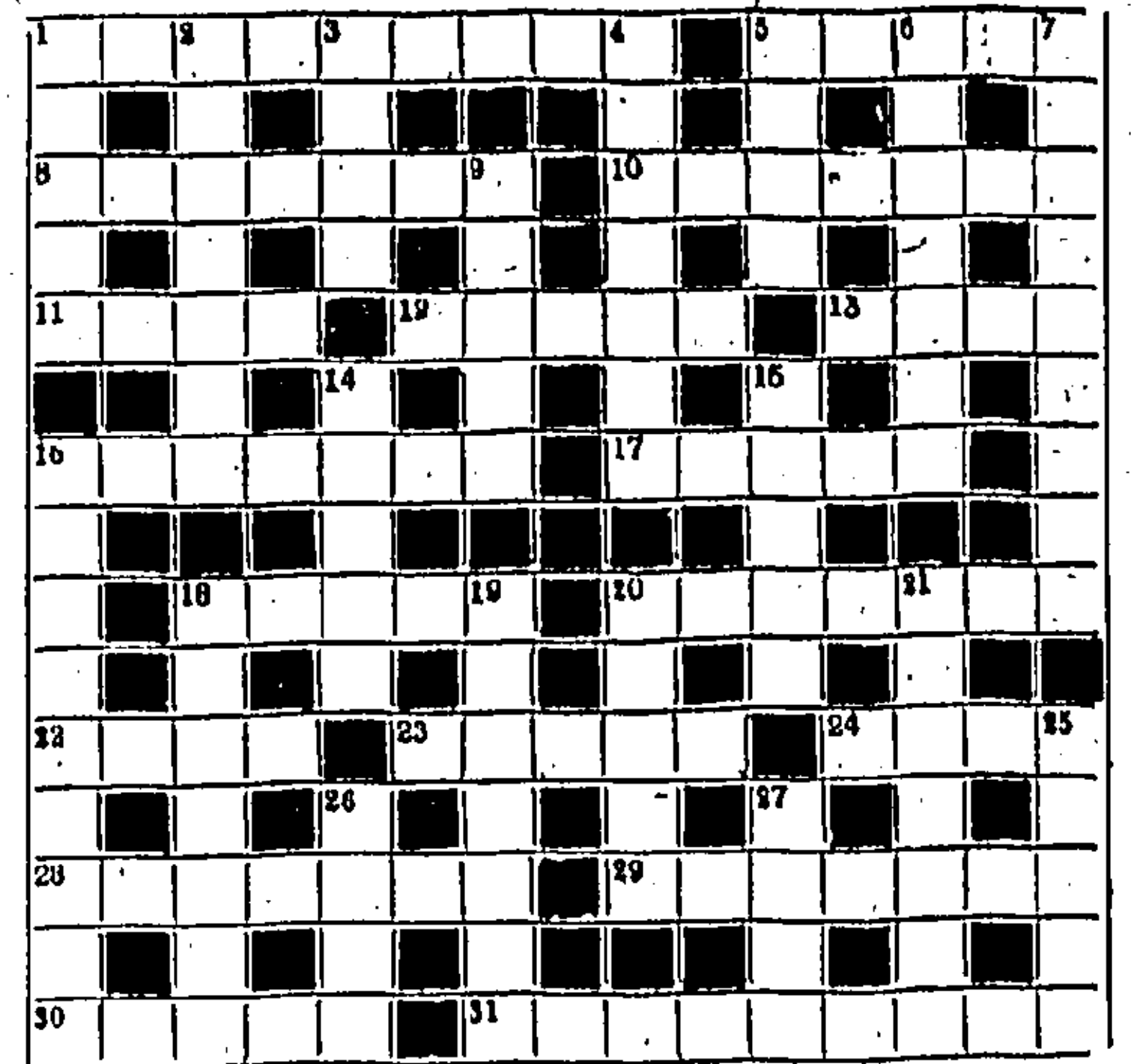
Broadclothes are the thrilling novelty of the season. They range from a chiffon-weight broad-cloth of kasha wool, with a surface as silky as a mouse's skin, to a heavy coating broadcloth that recalls the finest broadtail.

The long tunic blouse is seen this season in a different material and colour to the suit and ensemble, for example, turquoise or pale rose satin or white satin with black.

For afternoon wear, much satin and flat crepe is worn, and many coats in broadcloth.

Smart.

A beige moire envelope for spring has a very ingenious fastening of brown composition. The strap is punched with an underlay of dark brown.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.**Across**

- 1 The bishop's seat is the principal part of this building.
- 5 Kind lady, at Sunday school treat: "Why, Gladys, you're not having any of that lovely jam." Gladys: "No fear, I—where they makes it."
- 8 Profane—with the assistance of an old musical instrument that comes in late.
- 10 This comes between the sharp and his dupe.
- 11 Of special interest to women, this has a cheering sound to the ear of the castaway.
- 12 A type of popular.
- 13 The ancient Egyptians thought a lot of this bird.
- 16 This is the sail to set in a storm.
- 17 You need not be an artist to draw this.
- 18 I, in turn am on the Continent.
- 20 Here Joey goes on his travels round a vase.
- 22 Nautically speaking, turn round—as Jael did Sisera.
- 23 Sign of premeditated poverty, according to Beau Brummel.
- 24 "My family... think it indispensable that Mr. Moneybags should be on the... in case of anything—turning up."—David Copperfield.
- 28 The pleasant side of Pentonville Prison, on a windy day.
- 29 No matter how hard the pugilist is this, he must get up before the end, or be beaten.
- 30 Now that Charles has built the boat, the padre adventures in it, (hidden).
- 31 This noisy female, is what one might call a glove—in France.

Down

- 1 Caverns.
- 2 Take a letter from this truck, place it close to Cyril and it will be worth watching.
- 3 Lace up.

- 4 A seed cake that makes no appeal to the most voracious schoolboy.
- 5 Those who live by these are not necessarily humorists.
- 6 In its Welsh connexion this little annual is hot stuff.
- 7 An English city of the plain—with apologies to its good-looking inhabitants.
- 9 Have an obliging fish has swallowed an adverb in order to be of service to an artist.
- 14 A member of an old New Zealand family.
- 15 This one was two-faced if you like.
- 16 "I, Costard, running out, that was safely within, fell over the... and broke my shin."—"Love's Labour Lost."
- 18 Where you are likely to hear Clue 10 down.
- 19 "Sent ten" (anag.).
- 20 Knaves that roast meat.
- 21 This there was a flaring light.
- 25 Principle—either way.
- 26 This is fastened, and its anagram sounds the same.
- 27 An Italian coin.

Yesterday's Solution

SERPENT PANCAKE
MAGNANIMITY
ANIMALS ENTWINE
HIMSELF
PEEP METER NOT
ENTRANCE
RATTLEBELLAGE
MARTIAL DECIDED
LATE SUGL SWAN
LIT LIT LIT
ABIDGE MEABLES
REEL RUMBLE
DISCERN ASHTRAY

STICKERS

31	8	0	0	30	5
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
34	1	0	0	35	4
7	32	0	0	6	29
2	33	0	0	3	36

This is a magic square which totals 74 when added horizontally or vertically. Can you fill in the circles with such numbers as will make each horizontal and vertical row and the two diagonal rows add to 117?

THE IRISH SWEEPSTAKE.**MAGISTRATE RAISES A POINT FOR APPEAL COURT.**

Charles William Curtis Watson, of Pallmall, W., was summoned before Mr. Mead, at Marlborough-street Police Court recently for

Yesterday's Solution

NOW IN EDITING TOMES THE PROFESSOR OPINED THAT BY DIETING WEAKLY HE STRENGTHENED HIS MIND, BUT HE CARRIED SO FAR THIS OBSERVANCE ABSTEMIOUS, THAT IT STARVED ALL THE FIRE THAT IGNITED HIS GENIUS. EDITING, DIETING and IGNITED are the three words that were missing. They are all composed of the same letters.

selling two tickets in the Irish Hospitals sweepstake. Sir Percival Clark who prosecuted, asked for an adjournment on the ground that a similar case was the subject of an appeal before the Court of Appeal.

Mr. Mead—I have been confronted with a very embarrassing case in which the words "shall be deemed an idle and disorderly person" have great weight. It will be necessary, it seems to me, in this case, for the prosecution to show that this gentleman is a rogue and vagabond. The prosecution must prove that his character is so tainted that he is a rogue and vagabond. I think it would be very desirable that that point should be decided. The hearing was adjourned sine die.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

FINDING NO TRACE OF FRECKLES OR THE CANOE, RILEY AND UNCLE CLEM TAKE OFF, TO RETURN TO O.K. RANCH, EMPTY HANDED. THE SITUATION HAS THEM BAPPLED.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1931.

SUNDAY CINEMAS.

We imagine that there will be quite a deal of controversy in England over the Bill which is shortly to be introduced in the House of Commons to deal with the Sunday opening of cinemas and other places of entertainment. The amendment of the law has become necessary because a certain wide-awake young lady has obtained a ruling, under very old Acts of Parliament, that Sunday entertainments are illegal. The existence of these Sunday Observance Acts has hitherto been ignored, but an attempt is now to be made to regularise the situation by empowering County or Borough Councils to issue licences, after consulting local feeling. The Bill will not empower the prohibition of stage plays on Sundays, a somewhat anomalous restriction seeing that, in some cases, permission is given, "talkies" may be screened. This point will no doubt be taken up when the Bill comes on for discussion.

Whilst there is much to be said for leaving this matter to local option, as provided by the Bill, there is a danger that it may become the issue at all Council elections, to the exclusion of other subjects of far greater importance to the community. There is, indeed, a prospect that "shall cinemas open on Sundays?" will swallow up such issues as whether slums shall continue to be open all the year round, Sundays included. As one writer has remarked, it will be hard for men or women well qualified by experience and training to administer Public Health and Education Acts to find themselves defeated at the poll because they are not deemed "sound," one way or the other, on Sunday opening. Under this single electoral test, reactionaries and ignoramuses may get elected, while far better candidates from the standpoint of efficient local government may be rejected. It is, indeed, doubtful whether this Sunday opening question should be delegated to bodies chosen for quite other purposes. The whole matter might have been left to Parliament to decide the issue for the nation. Instead of passing it on to bodies not too well equipped for the purpose. One thing seems certain, namely, that local option will greatly increase Sunday travelling, a point which Sabbatarians seem to overlook. If cinemas are open in one Borough and not in another adjoining one, nothing will prevent people who, lacking other means of

entertainment, prefer cinemas to public houses on Sundays, from taking a trip to the towns where they can have their wants catered to. This, in turn, will increase the number of Sunday workers, inasmuch as extra provision will have to be made for the additional traffic.

But points such as these are likely to be overlooked by the strict Sabbatarians, who will probably be more animated by feelings of opposition to cinemas than by considerations of the general question of what people will do if and when these places of entertainment are shut down.

It is well, in these matters, to realise that people have a perfect right to spend their Sundays according to their own desires, so long as they do not impinge on the rights of others. It does not follow because places of entertainment are opened on Sundays that everybody will go to them; the choice will be left to the individual. There would, therefore, seem no necessity for changing existing conditions. All that need be done is to abolish the age-worn Acts and thus regularise the situation. If there were no demand for Sunday entertainment, cinemas and other places of amusement would not open on that day. The fact that they do open, and attract large audiences, is a sufficient proof that the demand for such entertainment exists.

Census Figures.

The preliminary census figures, setting out 852,932 as a close approximation to the total of the civilian population of the Colony, reveal a growth exceeding 25 per cent. in a period of ten years. Yet this is a striking increase counting as a disappointment, for it was confidently expected in certain quarters that the million mark would be reached. Kowloon has contributed more than its share to this desideratum, if it may so be regarded, the springing up of new "townships" at Kowloon Tong and Mongkok, the rapid development of all parts of Old and New Kowloon, and an increasing tendency to centre the Colony's main residential areas upon the mainland, having produced a doubling of the population since 1921. The respective figures being 123,448 and 262,289. The growth of the island is subject to considerable restriction, and the opening up of the Praya East Reclamation area has not yet made any appreciable difference. The net increase of population on the island is smaller than that which took place in the ten years 1911-1921, and the enumerations in other quarters reveal figures unchanged to any notable extent. The figures are exceedingly interesting, and the complete analysis, which is not expected for some little time, should be more so. The most important indication consists in this, the classifications suggest that the Colony is adding rapidly to its permanent residents. More families are making their homes here. There is less of the Chinese practice of engaging in business in Hongkong and then, when a sufficient competence has been built up, retiring to the country. This is, of course, purely a matter of inference. In 1921, the proportion of females to males was 633 per thousand. In 1931, the proportion was 742 per thousand. Facts are perhaps more clearly shown by the gross totals, showing that there are 120,000 more women in the Colony to-day than ten years ago while the male increase is placed at 106,000. Fifty years ago, the entire population did not exceed 160,000.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London Terminals.
March 1932 7/3 down 1/4d.
May 1932 7/6 1/2
August 1931 6/7 1/2 down 3/4d.
December 1931 6/11 1/2 down 1d.
New York Terminals.
March 1932 1.57 down 2 pts.
May 1931 1.25 down 1 pt.
July 1931 1.34 no change.
September 1931 1.42 down 1 pt.
December 1931 1.40 down 2 pts.
Smarrang (17/4/31).—New Crop. Unassociated Mills have sold 3,000 tons Whites 18.02 1/2 to Japanese Buyers.

DAY BY DAY

LAWYERS HAVE NO FORCE IN THEMSELVES, AND UNLESS SUPPORTED BY PUBLIC OPINION, THEY ARE A MERE DEAD LETTER.—Macaulay.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held in the City Hall, on Wednesday, April 22, at 4.30 p.m.

The annual athletic sports of St. Joseph's College will take place tomorrow at Caroline Hill commencing at noon. Parents, Old Boys and friends of the College are cordially invited.

In connection with the opening of the new Union Church at Kowloon, a Church At Home is being held to-night at 8.45 p.m. The Bishop of Victoria will be among those present, and the entertainers will include the Male Voice Choir of the South Wales Borderers. All friends are invited.

"The pen may be mightier than the sword, but it definitely isn't mightier than the truncheon," remarked Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, when imposing a fine of \$2 on a Chinese letter-writer and fortune-teller, who pleaded guilty to having caused an obstruction.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, in response to an invitation by the Currency Mission, has appointed the Hon. Mr. B. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., and Messrs. L. Tze-fong, Manager of the Bank of East Asia, and Tang Shiu-kin, manager of the Tang Tin Fook Bank, to represent the Chinese Chamber at a forthcoming conference.

Five boarding-house runners were brought before the Hon. Commr. G. P. Ho, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning on the charge of boarding the Blue Funnel steamer the Tyndarus yesterday without the permission of the master or the officer on duty. All the defendants pleaded guilty, two of them being found to have a previous conviction against them. They were fined \$20 or two weeks and the other three \$10 or one week.

A silk hawker has reported to the police the loss of three rolls of silk which he had given a would-be purchaser in Cause Road to examine. The man indicated that he wished to buy the silk but desired to take it into his house to show his wife. He was given three rolls, but after going into the house he failed to appear again. He apparently walked right through the house and out by the back door. The value of the silk was given as \$85.

BAR BOY SENT TO PRISON.

THEFT OF FUNDS OF THE K.B.S.F.P.A.

Liu Yiu-wo, the bar boy at the Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association at King's Park, appeared before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on a charge of having embezzled a sum of \$140, which he received in the name of the Association on April 14.

The accused admitted the charge, and said that he should have handed the money over, but, owing to family trouble, he used it up.

Mr. Hamilton, remarking that it was a bad case, sentenced the accused to three months' hard labour.

Tang Ming, the gardener at the same Association, was the complainant in another case in which a man named Lung Hing was charged with having stolen four iron bars belonging to him.

On his admitting the charge, the accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour.



"Oh, don't tease the pup, Colonel."

30-INCH WAISTS.

By ELLEN WILKINSON, M.P.

"BUT how do you get people in England to take you seriously?" asked the smart American woman journalist.

"Meaning me as me?" "No, you as any reasonably young woman with less than a thirty-inch waist."

"But I've met young women over here who are taken seriously," I protested. "Women in important business positions they would never be allowed within a mile of England."

"Business, oh yes," my interviewer replied, "but for Congress not a hope till you are fifty, and guaranteed not to go off on any tangent that your party-men don't approve of."

Party politics in American are made in the machine room. Of the English women M.P.s, only Miss Margaret Bondfield and Lady Iremonger have a chance of being nominated for Congress. These two ladies with their forceful personalities, perfect loyalty to the party machine, and their hard-headed, hundred-per-cent, discretion would be ideal in the eyes of the astute American party managers.

The rest of us, for various reasons, would be dismissed with a snarl.

Women Bully the Politicians. This is not to suggest that women are not in American politics. They are, and very powerfully. They don't get much of a show in the party circus, but they can very effectively sidestep of their own.

If any reform is to be launched, such as to ban cigarettes, or to make America join the League of Nations, no enthusiast ever dreams of approaching either of the political parties to make it a plank in their platform. Things are never got that way. The first step is to persuade some well-known woman to form a committee. They proceed by propaganda among the powerfully-organised women's clubs to make the matter a burning public question. The committee can then bully politicians of both parties and the reform is put through.

If Jennie Lee, Megan Lloyd George and I were in American politics, instead of sitting quietly on the back benches, we should be having a thoroughly exciting time haunting the nightmares of the politicians who could stop us getting into Congress, but whom we should worry to shoe-strings wondering what we would demand next.

A Hint for Sir Oswald.

If this were America, Sir Oswald Mosley's little affair would have been managed very differently. No American politician would leave the country in doubt as to whether he had actually resigned or not. For a personality of such news value there would have been a Press drive for days before the event. Intimate domestic details, long interviews with his wife—what she felt when he first told her, her noble words of encouragement when he showed her the fatal letter, pictures of Lady Cynthia, with children clasped in her arms, determined to stand by daddy.

Then the climax. High-speed cars dashing to Washington with supporters to impeach Congress. Brass bands. Arc lights and cine cameras trained on the hero bear-

ing the letter, perhaps, in the Chicago tradition even an elephant. But there the comparison must end. No American politician ever resigns without an oil scandal.

It is curious what a fuss Americans make about the trimmings of politics, and how calmly they take grim realities which would cause England to fury. The day I was to lunch with some women journalists at the Cosmopolitan Club in New York, I took a taxi in 8th Avenue. We were held up by the signal lights, and my taxi stopped near a big private car into which a small crowd on the pavement was peering curiously. The taxi-driver jerked his thumb, I looked. The car had no driver, but in the seat next to the wheel was a man, shot through the temple, blood pouring down his face, his head lolling horribly.

Just Taken for A Ride.

"Been taken for a ride," said the driver, philosophically. "But can't we do anything, good heavens."

"There, don't get excited, missie. They don't shoot strangers. War between themselves, that's all. He's been spicillin', I guess."

I burst into the journalists' lunch, thinking that I had a front page story for them; but all the interest I aroused was: "Too bad to upset you. Just before lunch, too. Eat your grape fruit and forget it. He'd been taken for a ride, you see."

So I tried to be an American woman and enjoy good food and good talk. For the women journalists of the U.S.A. are the most intelligent people you can meet anywhere. If London were in America I should be a candidate for Fleet-street, not Westminster.

SCOTS SLANG FOR FOODS.

EVEN in Scottish homes to-day the once familiar "chappit lutties" has yielded place to "mashed potatoes," and only on the lips of our grandmothers do we hear the words "soor dook" used to describe butter-milk. There are many Scottish names for foods, and actually the foods themselves, which are quite unfamiliar to the modern boy and girl.

In the old days the slang name for a red herring was a "Glasgow magistrate," and a salt herring was known as a "Greenock ham." A haddock was referred to as a "Crail capon," and curiously enough in this connexion, there is an Italian traditional story of how, when an old monk was discovered eating chicken instead of fish on a Friday, he explained that it was "a fish out of the coop."

I doubt if any of my friends have ever tasted "a cock and feather," which is not the name of a new cocktail. It was the gill of brandy and bunch of grapes which were used to see counsel in John's coffee-house in Edinburgh. Forgotten too is the word "soos," which was the description of the Irish stew, or plain broth which was served during the forenoon in Edinburgh public houses to customers who had been unable to eat any breakfast owing to "the morning after feeling."

A "speldrin" was a dried and salted haddock, while a "trizzer'd haddie" was a haddock, dried in the sun. "Crowdy" was a gruel made of cold water and oatmeal, a common dish among the poorer people of Scotland, and "socons" was a kind of summery made from fine oatmeal dust. My grandmother always called a soft roll "a bap," and a cheese to her was always a "kebbuck."

"Four hours" was the name of the tea of which ladies had a "fly" dish after their three o'clock dinner, and, in time, it came to mean a snack. "Auld Kirk" and "Peat reek," of course, signified whisky, and the name of "Solway waters" was applied to smuggled brandy. "Peg Walker" was the slang name among Scots for cheese made from skim milk.

Cold vent is one of the most insipid kinds of meats, and very appropriate was the name, "Kiss your sister," which, to a lively Scottish lad, seemed the tamer of sports. The "ludo bone" of a shoulder of mutton was "the poor man," and "flashed-folk," because they were superstitious about mentioning the salmon by name, always referred to it as "the red fish."

"Scotch coffee," despite its name, was the invention of English sea-faring men, and was a phrase used to describe biscuits, toasted and boiled in water.

H. M.

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KEPT MONEY.

CONVICTED IN COURT.

A charge of misappropriation of 72 cents was brought against Wong Shu-ling, an office boy employed at the Attorney General's office, before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning. The defendant denied the charge.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy (Public Prosecutor), who appeared as the complainant, said the defendant had been his office boy for the past four years, ever since he (the prosecutor) joined the Government. It was the practice of the office for the towels which were used in the cloak rooms to be sent out by a coolie to be washed, and, on the return of the towels, Mrs. J. R. Sagers, the stenographer, gave the employee the money with which to pay the washerman.

It was explained that the bill which was rendered in Chinese was taken to the Crown Solicitor's Office and there translated into English before payment was made and a receipt given.

Yesterday the defendant took a bill to the Crown Solicitor's office for \$1.20. The money was given to him, but evidence would be produced to show that the defendant only handed 48 cents to the washerman, keeping the other 72 cents. It seemed that this had been going on for years and years. So far as could be gathered, it had been going on before he (Mr. Fitzroy) had joined the Government.

When confronted by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Attorney General, the defendant said he himself had washed some of the towels, and considered he was entitled to the money he had retained. In a statement to the police he said "I washed the towels myself with the intention of earning some money."

His Worship put the facts to the defendant and also asked him if he admitted the statement he had made to the police.

The defendant agreed with the facts and the statement, and his Worship accepted that as a plea of guilty. The defendant, he said, might have thought he had reason to keep the money, but he was given it to be paid to the washerman and he had kept 72 cents without informing anybody of the fact.

Mr. Fitzroy said he was not pressing the charge. He had always placed implicit trust in the defendant and had on many occasions sent him to the bank to cash open cheques.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$40, or one month's hard labour in default.

LATEST EXTRALITY
THREAT.NANKING TALK OF DRASTIC
ACTION.

Nanking, Apr. 16. Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Chairman of the Judicial Council, told a press interviewer this morning that the Government were determined to find a solution of the extrality problem before opening the National People's Convention on May 5th. Failing to secure satisfaction in the negotiations by peaceful methods, the Government might deem it necessary to take drastic steps.

Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister in the company of his private secretary and a Councillor of the British Legation at Peking left Peking this evening for Nanking, travelling by the Tientsin-Pukow Railway. It is expected that he will arrive at Nanking tomorrow and resume negotiations with Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, on the extrality problem. Sir Miles is bringing with him the latest instruction from his Government.

WORLD INDUSTRIAL
CRISIS.LOWEST POINT BELIEVED
REACHED.

Berlin, Apr. 16. The intention of the companies to build four ten thousand ton combined passenger and cargo steamers "as a necessary counter-measure against economic pessimism" was announced at the combined general meeting of the Hamburg-American and North-German-Lloyd companies.

It was pointed out that it was essential to fight "in a united spirit against the feeling of fear which had seized the world." The Chairman of the North-German-Lloyd said that while there was still no indication of a tendency towards improvement, he believed that the lowest point in the industrial crisis had been reached. —Reuter.

RUBBER INDUSTRY
RESTRICTION.NEW ASSOCIATION WITH
GOOD PROSPECTS.

Amsterdam, Apr. 16. A meeting of rubber growers, representing a total annual production of fifty thousand tons of rubber produced in the Dutch East Indies and 15,000 tons of French, Belgian and German rubber, decided to form a new association to promote the restriction of rubber production.

The newspaper Handelsblad has learned from an authoritative quarter that the British Rubber Growers' Association has circulated 120 British and Indian rubber growers, inviting them to co-operate in a form of restriction. Ninety-two growers, representing an annual production of 46,000 tons from a total of British and Indian production of 65,000 tons, have replied favourably to the proposal and consequently the total rubber production which the new Association will represent will be 111,000 tons. —Reuter.

COLONY'S REBUFF TO
LORD BEAVERBROOK.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Colonies are we to drift apart, each seeking foreign markets, admitting foreign dumping, and gradually drifting into some great economic orbit outside the British Empire? This is the plain question involved in the issue of Empire Free Trade.

The Chamber's Reply.

In reply the Chamber pointed out that as Hongkong's consumption and production is comparatively small, its main function being to act as an entrepot and clearing-house for the produce of South China and for manufactures of China, the imposition of duties in Hongkong of all non-Empire goods would merely divert this trade to other ports in China where Chinese duties only had to be reckoned with.

Even assuming that the scheme envisaged under "Empire Free Trade" merely involved duties on foreign goods for local consumption, the differentiation of these and other goods would require a Customs organization, and the institution of large bonded warehouses, the cost of which—not to mention delay and inconvenience to local merchants—would be out of all proportion to the benefits derived in increasing the sale of Empire goods consumed locally.

Detrimental to Colony.

The Chamber also drew attention to the fact that Hongkong would not share to any appreciable extent in the reciprocal advantages which other Colonies envisaged by "Empire Free Trade" for preferential treatment for Colonial produce in Great Britain and throughout the Empire. There were few manufacturing concerns in Hongkong competing in Empire markets. Moreover, all the materials which formed the basis upon which local industries are developed, came from outside the Colony, and very little of what was manufactured here could claim to owe the percentage of its total value to the labour expended on it in the Colony, and materials produced by the Colony, which was required by the Dominions at present granting Imperial Preference, and which, presumably, would be required under any scheme for extending such Preference throughout the Empire.

For these reasons, the Chamber stated it could not lend its support to a policy which would react so detrimentally on the prosperity of the Colony and port of Hongkong.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended April 26th, 1910.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9.5/16d.

Mr. W. A. Rublee, Consul-General for the United States in Hongkong, died from appendicitis.

H.R.H. the Guckwar of Baroda paid a visit to the Colony.

In the Legislative Council, Mr. Murray Stewart moved that the plot of land situated on the seaward front to the north of the new Law Courts be reserved for public purposes. The motion was defeated.

Mr. A. O. Brown joined the Volunteer Corps.

Mr. A. E. Wood was appointed an official Justice of the Peace.

HEAVY FINE ON A
GAMING HOUSE.ILLEGAL MISSING WORD
COMPETITION.

A fine of \$200, or two months' hard labour in default of payment, was the heavy penalty inflicted this morning on three Chinese convicted of operating a common gaming house at No. 145, Shaukiwan Road.

The game was disclosed as a form of missing word competition in which the chances were stated by the police to operate very much against the players. Cigarettes were offered as prizes against counters handed out against cash. Twenty customers arrested at the raid were charged with gambling. They did not turn up in Court and their bail in the sum of \$25 each was forfeited.

The heavy penalty on the keepers was inflicted after the Magistrate (Mr. Schofield) had been informed by the prosecuting police officer that the great majority of the players were boys and girls.

Plea Which Failed.

In defending two Chinese charged before Mr. Williams this morning with keeping a common gaming house at the junction of Hollywood Road and Sai Street, wherein the game of *szu mi* was being played, Mr. F. H. Loschy asked for the case to be dismissed.

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART
SUPPLEMENTBig Array of Pictures.
To-morrow

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement will contain a big array of pictures of topical interest.

Sporting events will predominate in the illustrations, the events covered including the K.A. sports, the cricket match between Taifoo and Waifoo, and the opening of the Shekpi Racecourse at Canton, whilst the distribution of prizes in connexion with the South Wales Borderers' sports will also be shown, as well as the 2nd XI of the Hongkong Football Club, and officers and men of H.M.S. Thracian with sporting trophies.

There will be several pictures of the Defence Corps annual inspection, whilst other photos will show the artists in the cabaret show at Shumou last Saturday, and the opening of the new Y.W.C.A. premises in Hongkong.

Let us face facts. We Britishers will not undertake universal service because we cannot afford either the time or the money from our business. Some of us, therefore, give both, voluntarily, and, since we are volunteers, we want, not a school, but a University. And should our voluntary training centre issue us with certificate of proficiency. We do not want certificates to be Lewis Gunners or bombers, or bayonet fighters, but Staff Captains or Adjutants or R.T.O.'s, Sound Ranging men or Repair Officers of Tanks. These are the jobs our civil businesses train us to fill and it is a waste of one half of our life's training to use us as simple "cannot-fodder."

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It is nice for the Adjutant "Bird" and the others to show a big parade, but I'd sooner see on the "Honour List" at Headquarters, 72 staff officers, and on parade, 5 privates and

THE OLD 'UN.
Group "C".
Acting Unpaid L/cpl.

FUNERAL OF MRS.
JUSTER.LARGE ATTENDANCE AT THE
OBSEQUIES.

There was a large attendance at the funeral, at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening of Mrs. Emily Drysdale Juster, a daughter of Mr. F. G. Drysdale, bailiff of the Supreme Court. The deceased lady, who was only 36 years of age, passed away at the Kowloon Hospital following an operation. She was extremely popular amongst a large circle of friends, and will be particularly remembered for the keen interest she took in all charitable activities.

The Rev. Fr. E. Teruzzi officiated, and the chief mourners were the husband, Mr. Andrew W. Juster, and Miss Lilian Juster, daughter, while among other relatives and friends present at the graveside were Mr. and Mrs. J. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brook, Mr. J. Anderson, Miss Maud Juster, Mrs. Franco, Miss Franco, Mrs. Lee, Master Willie Osborne, and others.

In addition to floral tributes from bereaved relatives, there were many tokens of sympathy from deceased's personal friends.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Volunteer Racket.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I have read with great interest the many letters which you have published on the Volunteers. Further, I have participated in similar arguments in India and in England.

My point of view is that of one who has been, for 10 years, a regular soldier (with 42 months' service in France), for three years a Volunteer in India, and for five years a Territorial in Liverpool and London.

Wholeheartedly I support your contributor Lai Tee, especially his last letter, and for these reasons:

Group "A."—It is good for young blood to be severely disciplined. It comes out to their advantage in their business, in their personal life and in such emergencies as we visualize; but let the period of discipline be short. At school, it is one term; at Woolwich and Sandhurst, six months; for the recruit 12 weeks or so. In a Volunteer, 12 months is plenty.

Group "B."—For those who have taken to their training in Group A, for the old soldier or sailor or airman, discipline is automatic when a crisis comes—he doesn't mind what job he does so long as he is well officered and he can add experience to initiative. He is a class whose social and business commitments are greatly increased, his time is valuable to his firm as well as to himself and what he requires is simple and above all interesting instruction in principles. Staff rides, lectures, attachments to other arms (Regular) and to civil services such as shipping, railways, Consular offices, are all calculated to widen his general knowledge and increase his value as an organizer and thinker.

In the event of local emergency, this class will turn their hands to anything and, if the affairs be of large dimensions, the possible methods of fighting taught in peace time are wrong in detail nine times out of ten, whereas organizers and adaptable men are of priceless value.

Group "C."—As Lai Tee has described it, it is an obvious step and I have no doubt that our excellent local military mandarins have us all taped already—for local emergencies.

But the Volunteer—drumming out his parades year after year, going back annually to the letter "A" of his alphabet to accommodate the latest joined, working annually for the Camp, the inspection and the lukewarm eulogy—is, in my opinion, a good man misled. Playing at soldiering is worse, a waste of the man's time and that of his instructors.

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Acting Unpaid L/cpl.INTERNATIONAL LOAN
ORGANISATION.NOT A MATTER FOR BRITISH
INTERVENTION.

London, Apr. 16.

It was stated in the House of Commons to-day that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was aware that proposals for the formation of an international financial organisation to make loans to approved borrowers in various countries had recently been under discussion in connexion with the Bank of International Settlements, but it was understood they were for the consideration of the markets and did not call for any action of intervention on the part of the British Government. —British Wireless.

IGNORED TRAFFIC
SIGNAL.EUROPEAN FINED \$5
THIS MORNING.

Mr. C. E. Holmes, of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., at the Central Police Court this morning, pleaded guilty to a summons charging him of disobeying traffic directions at the lower junction of Garden Road.

Inspector Alexander said a west-bound tram had a clear signal to proceed, when the defendant's car cut across in front of it in going up Garden Road. As a result, the tram driver had to sharply pull up his vehicle to avert a possible collision.

Defendant explained that he had passed the point where he could see the light. He had thought the pointsman had waved him on. It was only after he had started up Garden Road that he saw the tram moving.

A fine of \$5 was imposed by the Magistrate (Mr. Schofield).

DAVIS CUP TENNIS
COMMENCES.GREECE DRAWS FIRST
BLOOD.

Athens, Apr. 16.

The Davis Cup (first round) contest between Greece and Austria commenced at Athens to-day, Zerkandis (Greece) defeating Artens (Austria) by three sets to one after a strenuous battle.

Artens took the first set at 6-1, lost the second at 6-3, and then again completely dominated the play, winning the third at 6-1. Leading by two sets to one, he seemed well set, but Zerkandis drew level taking the fourth at 6-2, and then ran out a good winner after a keen fifth set. Six all was called at one stage, and Zerkandis won the next two games for set and match.

A second singles is being played to-morrow. —Reuter.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	124.27 1/2	124.26 1/2
Geneva	25.20 1/2	25.22
Berlin	20.40 1/2	20.14 1/2
Oslo	18.16 1/2	18.17
Helsingfors	193 1/2	193 1/2
Buenos Aires	385 1/2	385 1/2
Athens	375	375
Shanghai	1 1/2	1 1/2
New York	4.85 1/2	4.85 1/2
Amsterdam	12.10 1/2	12.10 1/2
Stockholm	18.15 1/2	18.15
Vienna	34.54 1/2	34.54 1/2
Madrid	46.20	47.45
Bucharest	817	817
Montevideo	32	32 1/2
Hongkong	1 1/2	1 1/2
Brussels	34.94 1/2	34.95
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2	18.16 1/2
Milan	92.81 1/2	92.79 1/2
Prague	164 1/2	164 1/2
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Rio	3 1/2	3 1/2
Bombay	1/5.55/64	1/5.19/16
Yokohama	2/0.13/32	2/0.13/32
Silver (spot)	13.1/16	13 1/2
.. (forward)	13.1/16	13 1/2

—British Wireless.

UNIQUE BANKING
INSTITUTION.SPECIAL FINANCE FOR
EXPORTERS.

New York, Apr. 16.

Plans have been completed for a banking institution unique among American banks, to finance foreign trade.

The concern is backed by the biggest manufacturers and exporters in the country, and it proposed among other things to originate new varieties of bankers' acceptances under character from the Federal Reserve Board. —Reuter's American Service.

FIRST FLYING
LESSON.PREMIER'S DAUGHTER IN
THE AIR.

London, Apr. 17. The Premier's daughter, Miss Isabel MacDonald, had her first flying lesson in dual control on a Gipsy Moth at Brooklands to-day. Her instructor said she managed the controls for one hour and had made remarkable progress for a first attempt. —British Wireless.

ANOTHER SEALER
SINKS.CREW RESCUED BY AMERICAN
STEAMER.

New York, Mar. 20.

Misfortune is dogging the steps of the sealing fleet of which the wrecked vessel Viking was the flagship. The motor sealer Sir William, abandoned their ship in two dories. Prior to leaving, they set their vessel on fire in order to prevent her becoming a menace to navigation. The crew have been taken off by the American steamer Eagle.

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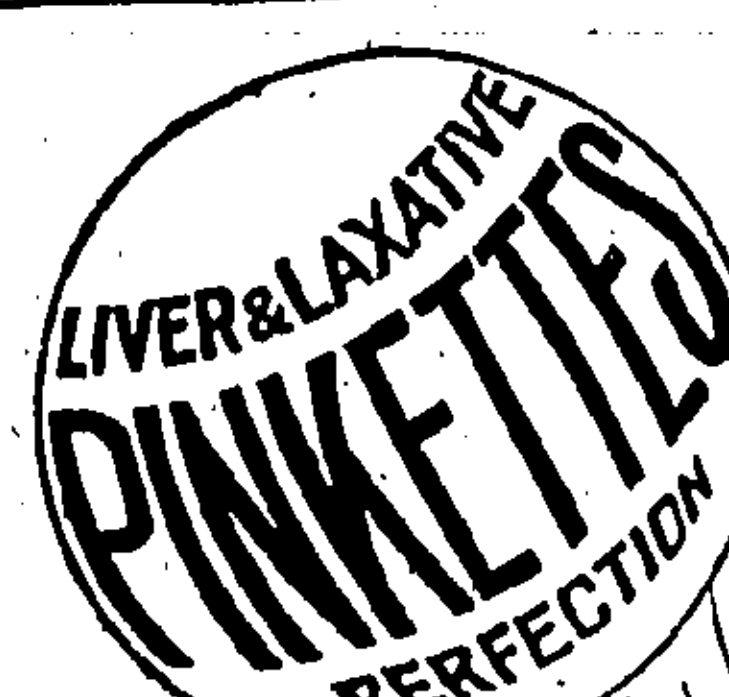
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Meanwhile the Government relief ship Sagana, which took 115 of the 128 survivors on board and was to proceed to St. Johns, is reported to have been caught in an ice-jam off Horse Island.

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ARMY ROWING.

SPRING RACES DECIDED ON WEDNESDAY.

Under the auspices of the Army
Rowing Club (Hongkong Area), the
spring races for the Brown Cup and
the Ah King Cup took place on
Wednesday over a course from the
direction of Channel Rocks to a point
opposite the Royal Hongkong Yacht
Club.

For the Brown Cup no fewer than
twelve crews competed. The race
was rowed on a slack tide, but with
a strong and gusty head wind. After
a good start, the 12th, 20th, and 31st
Batteries, R.A., went ahead, keeping
about level for half the course. The
R.E. crew were next, with the other
crews some distance behind. The
20th Battery pulled out and went into
the lead, the other two Battery teams
keeping together for another quarter
of a mile. Pulling strongly, the 20th
Battery finished in good style, ten
lengths ahead of the 12th Battery
with the 31st Battery two lengths
behind, third. The R.E. crew were
fourth, three lengths behind, the order
of the other boats being—"B" Com-
pany, S. W. B.; H. Q. Wing, A. and
S. H.; "C" Company, S. H.; "D" Com-
pany, S. W. B.; "A" Company, A. and
S. H.; "I" Company, A. and S. H.;
and "D" (M.G.) Company, S. W. B.
The time of the winners was 9 min.
52 secs.

Ah King Cup.

Six teams started for the Ah King
Cup, which is a trophy for second
crews. In this race, 20th Heavy
Battery got away with a good start
but were soon caught by 12th.
Battery who, rowing well, appeared
to have the race well in hand. About
a quarter of a mile from the winning
line, 31st Battery challenged the
leaders and gradually overhauled
them. At about ten lengths from the
winning line, 31st Battery lifted and
at six lengths from home passed 12th
Battery to win an excellent race by
half a length, 12th Battery being
second, with 20th Battery six lengths
behind, third. The R.E. crew were
two lengths behind, fourth. "B"
Company, A. and S. H. was some
distance behind and was the only
other crew to finish. The time for the
winners was 10 min. 44½ secs.

G.O.C.'s Speech.

After the racing, the prizes were
presented by H.E. Major-General J.W.
Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Com-
manding the British Troops in China.
In his speech he remarked on the
large number of crews competing and
said that he had been informed that
a start of twelve boats in one of the
races probably constituted a record.
He also remarked on the sporting
spirit and excellent finish of the races,
expressing a wish that the crews of
the boats of the infantry, though
nerved, would not lose heart as it
was surprising the improvement that
was made in rowing by units in their
second year in Hongkong.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

- 9.1 Not to be booked by those
travelling by train.
9.20 W. W. Mackenzie & G. G.
Johnston.
9.24 N. Ellis & G. Thomson.
9.28 A. H. Penn & J. R. Collis.
9.32 W. N. Buyers & W. A. Weight.
9.36 B. D. Evans & D. M. McDougall.
9.40 J. H. Davy & M. N. Cochrane.
9.44 C. Mycock & J. Forbes.
9.48 A. C. I. Bowker & D. F. C.
Cleland.
9.52 F. C. Young & J. Nicholson.
9.56 T. Low & R. C. Law.
10.00 I. D. Lenox & J. W. Alabaster.
10.04 J. E. H. Cogan & H. Lowe.
10.08 J. R. Hinton & W. Wright.
10.12 K. K. Rounds & R. Sanger.
10.16 G. Castle & W. Paterson.
10.20 P. S. Grant & J. B. Lanyon.
10.24 N. K. Littlejohn & J. S. Dykes.
10.28 A. Ritchie & R. Young.
10.32 P. Sykes & T. C. Monaghan.
10.36 A. N. Macfadyen & Q. A. A.
Macfadyen.
10.40 R. S. W. Paterson & J. G. Camp-
bell.
10.44 A. G. Coplin & S. A. Langston.
10.48 J. H. Baillet & I. C. Hichet.
10.52 G. Humphrey & R. Brown.
10.56 O. Eger & A. D. Humphreys.
11.00 A. H. Ferguson & A. B.
Raworth.
11.04 R. W. Taplin & O. B. Tardo.
11.08 W. R. Wallace & D. G. R.
Robertson.
11.12 F. R. Crispell & E. Sommers.
11.16 G. W. Garrett & P. S. Cassidy.
11.20 J. R. Masson & E. J. Munro.
11.24 A. Leach & D. S. Robb.
11.28 A. W. Hay Edie & H. S. Clip-
plingdale.

NO TENNIS MATCHES YESTERDAY.

GROUND STILL TOO WET FOR FURTHER PLAY.

There has been a further delay in
the Open Tennis Championships, no
play being possible yesterday on ac-
count of the sodden state of the
ground, while it is not proposed to
play off any of the games this after-
noon.

In the Open Doubles three matches
are still outstanding before the semi-
finals of the bottom bracket are
decided. The tie between Paul Kong
and W. T. Lee and Horace Lo and Lu
Tak-chuk has not yet been finished.
The game was called off owing to
rain when it was started nearly two
weeks ago, the score being then one
set all. The winners of that tie will
meet C. A. L. Ramjani and J. A. E.
Caseimboy while the Lo brothers

ARTILLERY SPORTS.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SOOKUMPOO.

The annual athletic meeting of the
British Batteries, Royal Artillery,
stationed in Hongkong, took place at
Sookumpoo on Saturday last and
proved to be very successful. Luckily,
the only really fine day this month
was chosen, which helped immensely
to make the event enjoyable.

The 12th, 20th, and 31st Heavy
Batteries competed, and there was
keen competition for the Aggregate
Cup, which was won by the 20th
Battery, with a total of 76 points.
The 12th Battery was a good second
with 54 points, but the 31st Battery
only managed to collect 16 points.
The Band of the 1st Battn.
South Wales Borderers was in at-
tendance under Conductor J. L.
Geeks, A.R.C.M., and ten were served
during the afternoon. Much praise
is due to the officials for the smooth
manner in which all events were got
off, the following being those in
charge:

Referee—Major J. R. Barry,
D.S.O., R.A.
Judges—Major J. R. Barry,
D.S.O., Major W. Bingham, Major C.
Brynmam, D.S.O., Major A. G.
Hewson, M.C., Captain E. H. Hux-
ford, M.C., Captain A. J. W. Allan,
Captain J. A. Vivian, Captain D.
Dunlop, Captain A. R. Miller and
Lieut. P. R. Macking.
Secretary and Clerk of the Course—
Lieut. W. Venables, D.C.M.
Starter—Captain R. H. Mould.
Time-keepers—Mr. Gnr. W. Conth,
Mr. Gnr. W. Haslam, and B.S.M.
(IG) Mr. Fishburne.
Recorders—Mr. Gnr. A. J. Murray,
Q.M.S. (AC) A. E. Medina, and Sgt.
(AC) G. Caswell.
Chief Steward—R.S.M. C. Dyer,
D.C.M.
Stewards—Two N. C. O's. from
each Battery.

RESULTS.

The results of the events were as
follow:

- Long Jump.—1st, 31st Battery;
2nd, 20th Battery; 3rd, 12th Battery.
Individual Prizes—1st, Christian
(18 ft. 2 ins.); 2nd, Bdr. Goret (17 ft.
10½ ins.).
Throwing the Discus.—1st, 12th
Battery; 2nd, 20th Battery; 3rd, 31st
Battery. Individual Prizes—1, Bdr.
Goret; 2, Bdr. Goret.
440 Yards Relay.—1st, 12th Battery
(Time 3 min 44 secs.); 2nd, 20th
Battery (Time 3 min 50 4/5 secs.);
3rd, 31st Battery.
Pole Jump.—1st, 20th Battery; 2nd,
12th Battery; 3rd, 31st Battery. In-
dividual Prizes—Gnr. Coyne (9 ft.
5 ins.); Sgt. Lawrence (8 ft. 6 ins.).
Tug-of-War.—1st, 20th Battery;
2nd, 12th Battery; 3rd, 31st Battery.
120 Yards Hurdles.—1st, Gnr.
Coyne, 20th Bty; 2nd, Sgt. Lawrence,
12th Bty.
High Jump.—1st, 31st Battery;
2nd, 20th Battery; 3rd, 12th Battery.
Individual Prizes—Lieut. Christian;
Gnr. Druce.
Putting the Weight.—1st, 20th
Battery; 2nd, 12th Battery; 3rd, 31st
Battery. Individual Prizes—Gnr.
Ashley (31 ft. 11 ins.); Sgt. Merritt
(30 ft. 8½ ins.).
3 Mile Team Race.—1st, 12th Bat-
tery; 2nd, 20th Battery; 3rd, 31st
Battery. Individual Prizes—Gnr.
Gough, (17 mins. 49 2/5 secs.); Gnr.
Coyne, (17 mins. 50 secs.).
100 Yards Relay.—1st, 20th Bat-
tery, (Time 43 1/5 secs.); 2nd, 31st
Battery, (Time 44 1/5 secs.); 3rd,
12th Battery.
1¼ Miles Relay Race.—1st, 12th
Battery, (Time 5 mins. 41 secs.); 2nd,
20th Battery, (Time 5 mins. 49 2/5
secs.); 3rd, 31st Battery.
Boys' Race.—1st, Charles Lott;
2nd, Charles Haslam.
Girls Race.—1st, Georgina Lott;
2nd, Doreen Williams.
Three-Legged Race.—1st, Gnr.
Wood and Druce; 2nd, Bdr. Pigott
and Gnr. Leadbeater.
One Mile Team Race.—1st, 12th
Battery; 2nd, 20th Battery; 3rd, 31st
Battery. Individual Prizes—Gnr.
Gough; Gnr. Stanton.
220 Yards Relay Race.—1st, 20th
Battery, (Time 1 min. 59 1/5 secs.);
2nd, 12th Battery (Time 1 min. 40 4/5
secs.); 3rd, 31st Battery.
One Mile Relay (Open).—1st, "A"
Team, Argyll and Sutherland High-
landers; 2nd, "D" (M.G.) Coy. South
Wales Borderers.
Officers and Other Ranks Medley.—
1st, 12th Battery; 2nd, 31st Battery;
3rd, 20th Battery.
Band Race.—Sergt. Harrinden.
At the conclusion of the sports the
prizes were presented by Mrs. Barry,
who was accorded three hearty cheers.

LADIES' HOCKEY.

LAST MATCH IN THE COMPETITION.

The last match in the Caer Clarke
Cup competition will be played at
2.45 p.m. to-morrow at Sookumpoo be-
tween the St. Andrew's Ladies'
Hockey Club and the Hongkong
Ladies' Hockey Club. At the conclu-
sion of the game the Cup will be
presented.

Teams:
St. Andrew's—R. Rose, P. Woolley,
I. Rogers, I. Gittins, M. White, I.
Woolley, P. Gittins, M. Churn, M.
Woolley, N. Field, E. Landolt. Re-
serve, J. Wong.

Hongkong—G. Little, E. Gray, J.
Smalley, E. J. Bell, E. G. Ross, E. M.
Donelan, C. Ferguson, M. Bishop.
The Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI will be repre-
sented by the following, when they
meet H.M.S. Medway and Submarines
at King's Park to-morrow afternoon:
G. Meier, A. Tate and L. Tipples; L.
Macey, B. A. Bates, A. E. Brown;
J. J. Ferguson, W. H. Smith, F.
Parker, H. Prught and H. Muller.
Referee, W. Hughes.

are to meet Ho Ka-lau and Yow Man-
kit to qualify for the semi-final.
Two of these matches will most
probably be played off on Monday
while the third will be decided as soon
as possible.

A NEW MACHINE RIFLE.

COMBINED 'VICKERS' AND 'LEWIS.'

TESTS TO BE MADE.

Important developments and
scientific experiments are taking
place at the Small Arms School
(Machine Gun Wing), Netheravon.
It is quite possible that within a
comparable change will take place in
the equipment of Infantry bat-
talions which, without reducing
their fire power, will add simplicity
to their weapon equipment by re-
placing the Vickers and the Lewis
gun by machine rifles.

To-day, the Infantry Battalion
Commander, in the tactical handling
of his unit, has to consider how to
make the best use of not fewer than
seven instruments of destruction—
the Vickers machine gun, the Lewis
gun (light automatic), rifle, bay-
onet, grenade, light mortar, and
anti-tank gun. Spoke, too, has to
play its part.

The machine gun (Vickers) is
the principal arm of the Infantry
soldier—the "weapon of opportu-
nity." It is the most satisfac-
tory of the trio of automatic ma-
chines which have received so much
attention since the European War.
The Hotchkiss (the Cavalry light
automatic) has gone; the Lewis
(the Infantry light automatic) is
going, and now the Vickers machine
gun is threatened.

During this year's training two
selected "rifle machine guns"—the
Vickers-Berthier (a British gun)
and the Madsen (of Danish manu-
facture)—are to be tested with a
view to finding a weapon which will
answer the purpose of both the
Vickers machine gun and the Lewis
automatic.

Reliability.

The Vickers-Berthier machine
rifle is manufactured by Messrs.
Vickers and is similar in design
to the Danish rifle. There are,
however, differences in construc-
tion, and it needs the trained eye
and hand of the Netheravon ex-
perts to assess their value. It is
claimed for the gas-operated, au-
tomatic weapon of British manu-
facture that for simplicity, re-
liability, accuracy and lightness, it
shows a considerable advance on
the Lewis gun and might with ad-
vantage replace the Vickers ma-
chine gun, while it has the same
standard of accuracy at the British
Service rifle.

The mechanism consists of two
main pieces—breech-block and pis-
ton. The barrel can be changed
during firing with an interval of
from six to eight seconds between
shots.

The magazine, which holds 30
rounds, can be changed in two
seconds. Through the manipula-
tion of a lever near the trigger, the
rifle can be used either as an auto-
matic weapon or for independent
firing. Used as a single-shot rifle,
30 aimed shots can be fired in one
minute.

Light-weight.

As to weight, the Vickers-Ber-
thier, with two-legged rest (a tripod
is also available as with the Vickers
gun), does not exceed 20½ lbs., as
compared with approximately 28½
lbs. of the Lewis and 41 lbs. (with
water in casing) of the Vickers
machine gun. The mounting in-
creases the weight of the Vickers
by about 43½ lbs. The rate of fire
of the Vickers-Berthier is 450
rounds per minute, as against 500
rounds per minute of the Vickers.

If the experts decide in favour
of the substitution of the rifle
machine gun for the Vickers and
the Lewis, it is not unlikely that
the new weapon will reduce the
present proportion of rifles in a
battalion. The existing organisa-
tion of a battalion of Infantry
comprises a headquarters wing, one
machine gun company, and three
rifle companies. The headquarters
wing is to have four anti-tank
weapons, together with two Lewis
machine guns for anti-aircraft de-
fence. Each rifle company has
eight Lewis guns. There are 12
Vickers machine guns to each
battalion, which on mobilisation,
would be raised to 16.

CINEMA BURNED.

London, Mar. 23.
The Central Hall Cinema,
Shrewsbury, was destroyed on
Saturday night by fire which
broke out soon after the last au-
dience had left the building. This
was once a Congregational Church.

Two members of the Co-opti-
mists company, who have been play-
ing in Belfast, found the house in
which they were lodging in Athol-
street on fire yesterday morning.
They rushed upstairs and tried to
force the floor of the room of their
landlady, an aged woman named
Nash. Police found her burned
to death in bed with a broken lamp
on the floor.

Christina Murray, aged two, was
burned to death in a house in
Edinburgh on Saturday night. Her
sister Agnes, aged three, was
rescued. One of the girls, while
their mother was visiting a neigh-
bour, lit a piece of paper, which
set fire to a bed.

CINEMA NOTES.

"WHOOPEE" ON SUNDAY AT QUEEN'S.

If you want to be a successful actor,
you'd better start doing anything but
acting. At least that is what seems
to be advisable from the experience
of the cast of "Whoopie," the
Samuel Goldwyn-Florenz Ziegfeld
musical triumph which comes to the
Queen's Theatre on Sunday. They're
all good actors, and none of them
started out to be anything like an
actor.

Take Eddie Cantor, for instance,
star of the show in the role of Henry
Williams, the imaginary invalid.
The magic contained in his shrugging
shoulders and heady black eyes had
to be undiscovered while he tried his
hand at being a newsboy, a Wall
Street clerk, a hustler in the cloak
and suit business in New York, and
anything which turned up and seemed
a likely way of earning a living. It
was a casual hobby of eccentric dan-
cing, picked up from newsboy com-
rades which first started him stage-
wards, never to stop until he had
reached the top. Or take Spencer
Charters who plays Mr. Underwood,
the irascible ranch-owner in "Whoop-
ie." In his twenty-five years of
acting he has played over 600 separate
and individual roles, but when he be-
gan life in Steelton, Penn., it was as
a steelworker, with ambitions to be
a mechanical engineer. And George
Olson, leader of the famous orchestra
which plays an important part in
"Whoopie," fought hard not to go
into the trucking business when he
was a boy and tried to be a lawyer
instead.

Even Chief Caupolican, the genuine
Indian who plays the role of Black
Eagle, was a sailor before the con-
stant urgings of his friends put him

to capitalizing his magnificent voice
on the opera stage.

"The Laughing Lady."

"The Laughing Lady" laughed her
way into the hearts of patrons at the
Central Theatre yesterday. She did
a little fighting too, with her laughing.
Ruth Chatterton in the title role,
was, every bit the sterling "talkie"
actress she proved to be in "Charming
Slavers."

As the darling of society who be-
comes innocently embroiled in a
scandal which threatens to ruin her
social standing, she gives a portrayal
which stacks up neatly against the
name portrayal which Ethel Barry-
more did with the part several seasons
ago in the original stage play, by
Alfred Sarto.

Miss Chatterton laughs at those
who had accused her and plunges
forcefully into her own well-planned
battle against them, emerging the
victor, with a romantic conquest of
Clive Brook, her erstwhile enemy, to
boot.

After seeing and hearing this bril-
liant comedy-drama one realizes why
Miss Chatterton has such a great fan
following.

Queen's Attraction.

"Strictly Unconventional," the
talkie version of a recent stage
success, was shown for the first at
the Queen's Theatre yesterday, when
it received a whole-hearted approval
as being one of the very best screen
plays shown here for some time past.
To particularise the success of one
artist is to detract credit from others
of the well-balanced cast which in this
picture have so admirably joined in
providing enjoyment of a topical
theme dealing with misunderstood
wives and the problems of love and
marriage. It is sufficient to say that
everyone in the play acquitted him-
self or herself admirably. A news
reel, two song and dance pictures and
a Charlie Chase comedy, comprise a
well-assorted programme that is
being continued until Sunday.

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DRAMATIC PROBLEM OF IDENTITY.

STILL UNSOLVED AFTER FIVE YEARS.

Florence, Mar. 14. The celebrated Bruneri-Canella case, which hinges on a man's identity and goes back to 1926, again came up for hearing in the courts here to-day.

The question at issue is whether Canella is really the Professor Canella who lost his memory, or Mario Bruneri, a delinquent from justice, who is wanted by the police, and is impersonating Canella in order to escape detection.

During the five years which have elapsed two more children have been born to the "unknown" and Signora Canella. The man who passionately maintains that he is Canella has written a book of "memories" to prove it.

Of the various witnesses who have given evidence of having seen one or other of the two personalities is a priest of Milan, who remembers giving a coat in 1923 to a beggar who said he was Mario Bruneri. Later, however, this same priest recognised his coat on the man who by that time was known as Canella.

The Canella party, however, produced evidence to show that Bruneri and Canella were both at that time wandering in the streets of Milan, and that Bruneri, fearing capture by the police, gave the coat to Canella.

The evidence of an Englishwoman, a Miss Taylor, who knew Professor Canella before the war and saw a strong resemblance to him in a beggar to whom she gave food and clothing in Milan in 1923, is expected to throw light on what did occur at the time.

Professor Canella was in Court to-day, but there were no signs of Bruneri. The hearing is expected to last for nearly a week.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE BUYS MORE LAND.

OLD FOOTPATH ENCLOSED.

Mr. Lloyd George, in response to a petition from local residents, has agreed to give permission for the public use of an old footpath on land which he recently bought and enclosed on the Tilford road, Beacon Hill, Hindhead. But he asks that there shall be no encroachment on the moor, as he wishes to protect seedlings which have been planted.

The petition, signed by Lord Exmouth and about 200 others, expressed concern that orders had been given that walkers should be turned back at the boundary of the portion of the moor purchased by Mr. Lloyd George.

Mr. Lloyd George stated "All ready ten acres of fir and plantation have been destroyed by fire. That was caused by some unknown person. It is one of the dangers of people being allowed to roam over all parts of the place."

In 1926, two families claimed a man who was found wandering and suffering from loss of memory, and who had been taken to a lunatic asylum. Signora Canella, the wife of a highly-cultured professor, was convinced from the photograph and description circulated by the police that the man in question was her husband, who was reported missing in Macedonia. Signora Canella took him home and he gradually began to regain his memory and to recognise people and places of the past, including his own two children.

Meanwhile the Bruneri family also saw the photograph, and were convinced it was that of a certain Mario Bruneri, a delinquent who was "wanted" by the police. They contested Signora Canella's claim to the "unknown" as the man began to be called, and a series of actions began. *Reuter.*

FUNERAL OF ROUSE'S VICTIM.

SECRET BURIAL IN VILLAGE CHURCHYARD.

London, Mar. 21. At dawn yesterday the funeral of the unknown man murdered by Alfred Arthur Rouse took place secretly in the churchyard of Hardingstone village, not far from the scene of the crime.

Late on Thursday night the remains were removed from Northampton Hospital to the mortuary. Yesterday between 5 and 6 a.m. the coffin was placed in a police-tender and with private cars containing police officers this set out for Hardingstone.

Six policemen carried the oak coffin to the grave by the side of a path behind the church. The plate on the coffin bore the inscription, "Man unknown. Died November 6, 1930." A wreath placed on the coffin by Superintendent Bramley, was inscribed, "With deepest sympathy from the officers and constables of the Northampton and Daventry Division."

NEW STEAMER LAUNCHED.

London, Apr. 16. The s.s. Karatira, a twin screw electric driven ship for the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, was launched from the works of Vickers, Armstrong & Barrow to-day by Lady Wilford, wife of Sir Thomas Wilford, High Commissioner for New Zealand in London. *British Wireless.*

ROBOT DRILL SERGEANTS.

EXPERIMENTS WITH TALKING FILMS.

PHASES OF ARMY LIFE

Robot "sergeant-majors" may soon be included in the peace establishment of the mechanised army, for the possibilities of talking film as an instructional and training agent are recognised by the Director of Military Training.

Silent films are now made in the Service. The production of talking films will be a more ambitious effort, and it would not be surprising to learn that the Military Authorities had decided to engage professional assistance.

The intention is to have film records of carefully-selected lectures; pictures of demonstrations and research work; of ceremonial and barrack-square drill; of automatic machines and minor tactical exercises.

Important as the employment of "talking Robots" will be in peace, it will not be comparable with the advantages that will accrue on mobilisation, when the available instructional personnel to take charge of the full of recruits will necessarily be small. Hence the cultivated, inoffensive sergeant-major with an attractive voice, a knowledge of the King's English, framed on the drill book, and good articulation, will be sought as a film star.

Wide Interest.

The initial effort of Brigadier R. J. Collins, and his staff at the Small Arms School (Machine Gun Wing), Netheravon, to produce a film of some of the activities of that establishment, shows a Vickers machine-gun, firing at the rate of 500 rounds per minute, and is a wonderful piece of automatic workmanship. The film showed the ammunition belt passing the cartridges into the discharge chamber. But the slow motion picture of the automatic action was the most instructive part.

As a home-made effort, the film was a particularly good one, and invaluable as an aid to training. The War Office has provided a projector as part of the School's equipment, and this first attempt to rival Hollywood will be followed by "screening" other instructional activities.

There is at the School a demonstration platoon—a team of expert machine-gunners—from the Northern Command. The platoon has arrested the attention of the film producer. At the School the platoon has a small and select audience. But on the film, it could show a larger body of soldiers how things should be done. To the Territorial Army personnel such an aid to training as the film could give would be invaluable.

Sand Models.

Another interesting feature of the training at Netheravon is the bringing of a tactical locality—an area of ground which from its nature or position may be regarded as possessing tactical features of some importance—to the lecture hall for tactical exercises.

This is a development of the war game by means of sand models.

The coloured landscape target for use on the miniature machine-gun range is an ingenious method for practising the rapid indication of targets and a quick and accurate adjustments of sights. In order not to destroy the "landscape" the sights of the guns are so harmonised that the bullets penetrate a detachable paper screen of about the same size as the picture, placed immediately above it. This harmonising of "sights" allow for the aiming at the indicated spot, or target, on the picture. With the use of a measuring instrument the success or non-success of the runners in engaging the target and the indication of the section leader are decided.



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DRAMATIC LETTER READ IN WIFE MURDER CHARGE.

A husband's dramatic denunciation of his wife was read at West London Police Court when Pier Maria Martinucci, aged 26, an Italian clerk of Colville-square, W., was charged with the murder of his wife, Ivy Winifred, aged 24, and with attempted suicide.

In a drawer in one of the couple's rooms, it is alleged, was a document stating:

"This letter is a charge and denunciation. I accuse— as the cause of what is going to happen shortly. He is the cause of the death of my wife and my own."

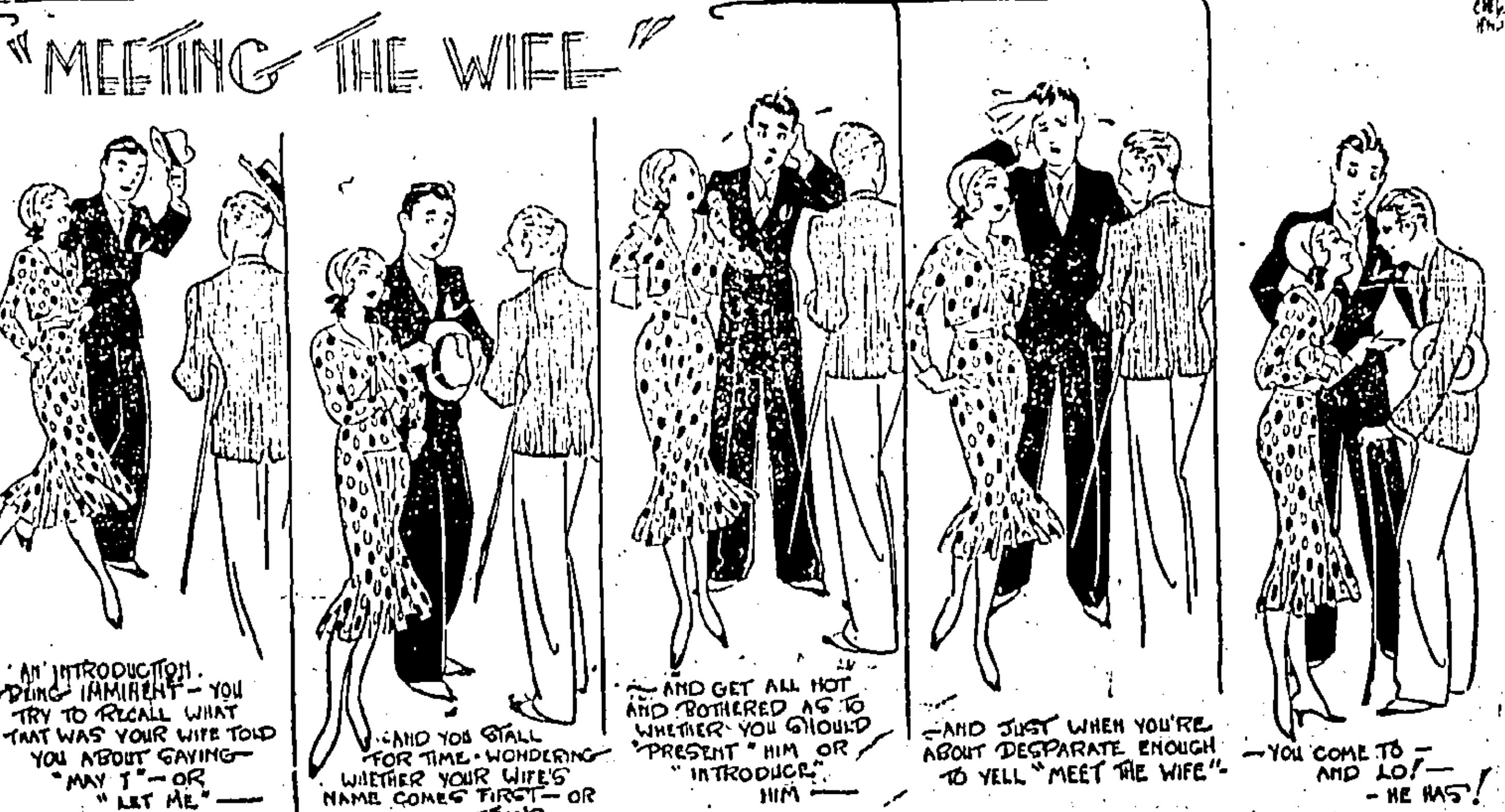
"He has betrayed our friendship. He has persuaded my wife to give in to him and to betray the married faith and to besmirch my name. I came back after a troublesome journey which I completed in order to obtain a situation convenient for me and my wife herself, and from what I have come to know from the confession of my wife herself I am caused such disgust and such humiliation and such grief that I cannot find the strength to fight against this hard fate."

"My wife was everything to me, and I had sincerely dedicated my life to her. From her I expected peace and love to render life serene and beautiful. To-day she is only mud for me, and I kill her in order not to leave her to anybody else because she belonged to me."

"If — — merits punishment, I charge him to men as being responsible for this misfortune."

It was stated that Mrs. Martinucci was stabbed, and that her husband had wounds in his chest. From these he collapsed after saying "It is an old law and custom of our land. Now we can die together."

Martinucci was remanded for a week.



"MEETING THE WIFE"

AN INTRODUCTION—
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—AND YOU GET ALL HOT AND ROSEBUD AS TO WHETHER YOUR WIFE'S NAME COMES FIRST—OR—"MAY I"—

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7.00 p.m. Stock Quotations.
7.03-7.45 p.m. Variety.
Band-Iowa Corn Song.
American Legion Official Band. 20209.
Song-Dixie.

Mary Lowie (Soprano). 1345.
Chorus-Happiness Boys Going Abroad.
Chorus-Happiness Boys in London.
The Happiness Boys. 22491.
(This Record is by special request).
Piano-Accordion Solo-Italian.
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Mario Perry. 20249.
Quartet-Golden Slippers.
Quartet-Heaven Song.
Tuskegee Quartet. 20843.
Instrumental-Here Name Was Julia Lou.
Carolina Tar Heels. 20545.
Song-Moonbeams.
Richard Crooks (Tenor). 1371.
Male Quartet-Bells of Hawaii.
Four Aristocrats. 20587.
Chorus-Hallelujah.

The Revelers. 20609.
7.45-8.15 p.m. Orchestral.
8.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.
Minuet in G (Paderewski-Wright).
Amorylla (Glynn-Seredy).
Victor Concert Orchestra. 20169.
Love Everlasting (Cushing-Frill).
In The Days Gone By (Emmerich Kaiman).
Victor Salon Orchestra. 20188.
Serenade (Moszkow).
Narcissus (Weinberg).
Charles Kellogg and The Victor Orchestra. 20168.
8.15-9.00 p.m. From The Studio.
Violin Recital By Mr. J. Braga.

1. Caprice (Gluck-Saint Saens).
Harold Bauer. 6546.
2. Brindisi Waltz (Alard).
3. Gavotte (Gossec).
Mr. John V. Braga.
4. Impromptu In A Flat (Schubert).
Ignace Jan Paderewski. 6628.
5. Elegie (Massenet).
Waltz (Brahms-Kreisler). 1466.
6. Waltz (Brahms-Kreisler).
7. Traumerie (Schumann).
Mr. John V. Braga.
8. Album Leaf (Grieg).
Caprice (Brahms).
Harold Bauer. 1413.

9.00-9.45 p.m.
Symphony No. 3 in E Flat Major (Beethoven).
Symphony Orchestra Conducted by Albert Coates. 206.
9.45-10.06 p.m. Organ Solos.
Cherie I Love You.
Ting-a-ling.
Stars Are The Windows of Heaven.
Meadow Lark.
Hello Aloha-How Are You?
Barcelona.

Jesse Crawford. 20263, 20264, and 20265.
10.06-10.30 p.m. Concert Menu.
Song-The Nightingale and the Rose.
Rosa Ponselle (Soprano). 1466.
Xylophone Solo-Mighty Lak' A Rose (Nevin).
Sam Herman. 20558.
Male Chorus-Volga Boat Song.
Russian Symphony Choir. 20309.
Piano Solo-Tango (Albeniz).
Piano Solo-Searing (Schumann).
Wilhelm Bachaus. 1445.
Song-My Lovely Cell.
Reinold Weronath (Baritone). 1443.
God Save The King.
10.30 p.m. Close Down.

ANOTHER PRIEST MURDERED.

BELGIAN LATEST VICTIM OF BANDITS.

Hankow, Apr. 16. It is reported that the Belgian priest, Father Maryn Acons, who was seized by Hupeh communists recently, has been murdered.

His body was discovered on the river bank near Patung. —*Reuter.*

[A Hankow message of Apr. 14 stated:

It is just learned that when a body of Communists on April 4 captured and looted Patung, on the Yangtze, 70 miles above Ichang, they took prisoner Father Maryn Acons, a Belgian missionary. Father Acons was tied up and beaten and otherwise ill-treated, and is still in captivity.]

THE EXTRALITY PROBLEM.

SOME DEMANDS OF THE POWERS.

Nanking, Apr. 16. Mr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, has officially announced the expected arrival of the British Minister to continue "extralimity" discussions. The Nationalist Government is willing, he says, to continue negotiations with both the British and French Ministers simultaneously, but that unless the two Ministers are willing to make some concessions on the major terms he expected no material progress towards a final settlement.

The French Minister is already in Nanking and official circles believe that he has received final instructions from the French Government. So far, however, he has been reticent, and it appears that the desire to await the arrival of Sir Miles Lampson before resuming negotiations.

Crux of the Matter. That official circles at Nanking are fully aware of the numerous obstacles towards a final settlement on extralimity, was conveyed in a statement made by an influential spokesman of the Foreign Ministry yesterday, when he said that the crux of the matter was the almost unanimous demand by the interested Powers for the establishment of modern civil courts with qualified foreign judicial experts as advisers. This would prove to be a most difficult obstacle as Nanking desired immediate abolition.

The Powers are maintaining that the foreign judicial advisers should be entrusted with powers equal to the Chinese judges or, at least, that these advisers should have some say in cases concerning both Chinese and foreign residents. The Nanking Government considers the above suggestion as being similar in nature to the existing extralimity privileges. Nanking contends that foreign experts should be enlisted only in the capacity of advisers and should exercise no decisions in the cases on trial.

The representatives of the Powers, continued the spokesman, also stipulate that, after the abolition of extralimity, foreign citizens must be given the right to live and purchase properties in China and enjoyed the full protection of the Nationalist Government.

As a counter-proposal, Nanking desires that the freedom accorded to foreign residents to live and purchase property in China can be given away only after the withdrawal of foreign gunboats and troops, and the rendition of foreign Settlements and Concessions in the Coast ports.

CHINA'S PASSPORT REGULATIONS.

ENFORCEMENT ON MAY 1 AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Apr. 16. All foreigners arriving at Shanghai after May 1 must produce passports before landing. So the Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Safety of Greater Shanghai announced to-day.

It is reported that the Consular Body requested a postponement of enforcement of this regulation, on the grounds that instructions from the respective Legations have not been received, but Commissioner Chen is stated to have refused to consider the request, holding that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has notified the Legations of the decision to enforce this regulation.

The Shanghai office is being established at Woosung, where passport officials will board all incoming liners. —*Our Own Correspondent.*

U.S. & NICARAGUA.

MODIFICATION OF THE PRESENT POLICY.

New York, Apr. 16. The present rising in Nicaragua, and the loss of American lives there, is drawing attention to a great change of policy in respect of Nicaragua and Latin America generally, by the Hoover administration, which seems determined to make it plain that American businessmen must entrust themselves to the laws of foreign countries, and be less ready to appeal for American intervention.

It was under the Coolidge administration that American intervention reached its height.

After consultation with the State and Navy Departments, the United States Government has decided that in future armed force will be employed in the Caribbean with marked circumspection, stop the Washington correspondent of the *Herald-Tribune*. It is believed that this policy will have far-reaching importance so far as the relations between the United States and Central America are concerned.

American military strength will be used to protect American lives, but will not be involved in campaigns to protect American property, although specific instances and changing circumstances will alter the line of official action.

Nicaragua, or any other Central American country, will be asked to bear the full responsibility for maintaining order. —*Reuter's American Service.*

MUCH TO BE DONE.

LORD IRWIN'S OPINION OF POSITION.

Bombay, Apr. 16. On the conclusion of a two hours' interview with Lord Irwin here, Gandhi, pursued by pressmen, hurried to his residence and took a vow of silence.

Lord Irwin, subsequently replying to a farewell address by the Millowners' Association, said he knew Gandhi was doing his best to implement the Delhi pact, but he was unable to conceal from himself that much remained to be done. —*Reuter.*

Bombay, Apr. 16. At a congress between Gandhi and mill-owners from Bombay, Ahmedabad and Baroda, this morning, it was decided to appoint an executive committee to work out Gandhi's scheme for re-exportation of foreign cloth. —*Reuter.*

ANCIENT RELICS.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY IN HONAN REPORTED.

Nanking, Apr. 16. It is reported that another valuable haul of ancient relics has been unearthed at Anchang, in Honan.

The finds include animal bones, pottery, copper arrow-heads and ivory ornaments, believed to have been left by a royal family of the Shang dynasty, which flourished about the fourteenth century B. C. —*Reuter.*

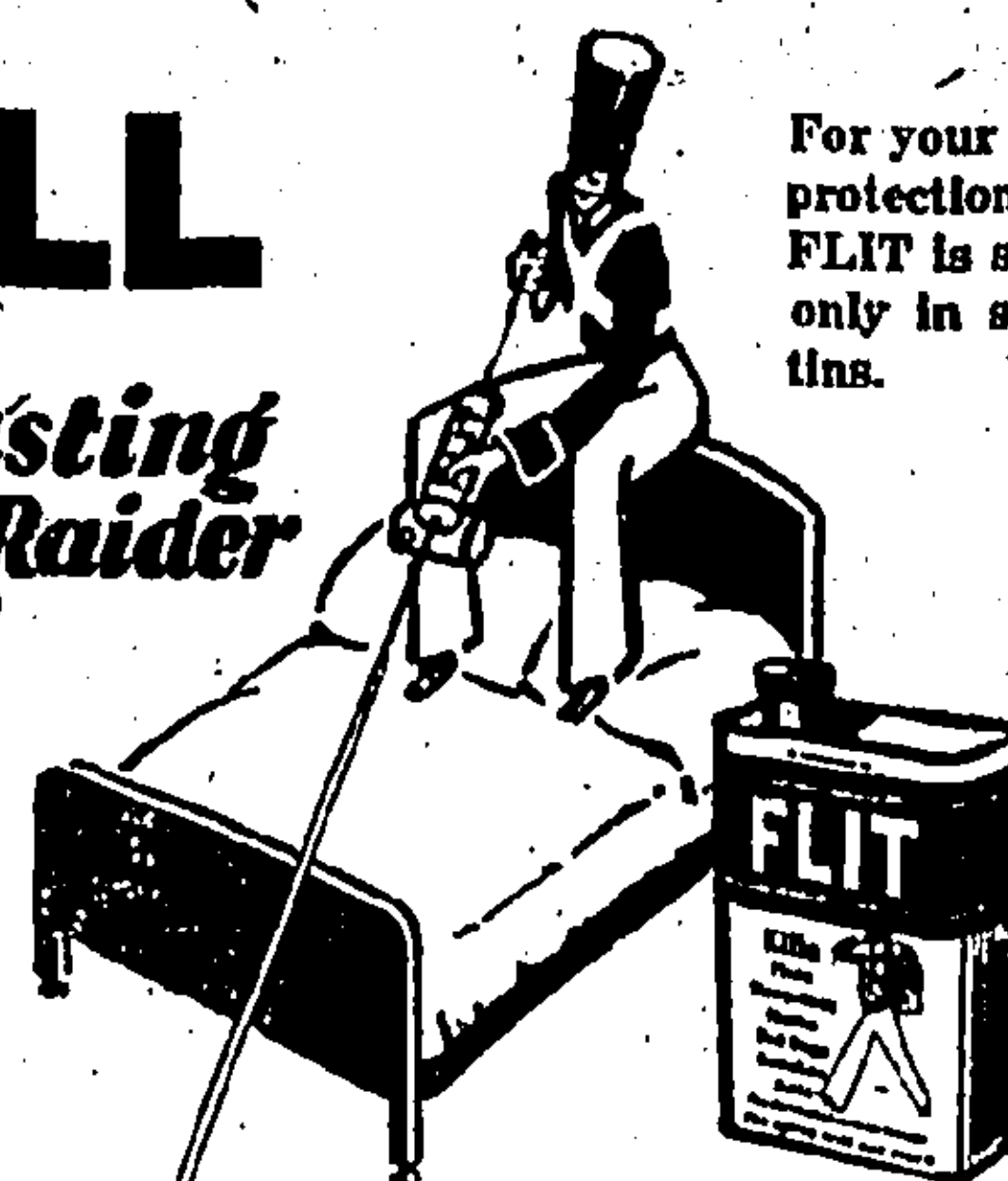
TROUBLE AT MUKDEN.

ARREST OF PROFESSORS ORDERED.

Mukden, Apr. 16. Serious disturbances occurred at Mukden yesterday during the elections for the National Assembly.

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According to Dr. Hsieh Pao-chao, Director of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, who on Wednesday afternoon gave a reception to representatives of the different papers and news agencies, the old papers on the line have been replaced by new sleepers at important points, so that the Railway Administration is able to state definitely that beginning from May 1, the following time table will be in force:

Up Train.

Dept. Canton 7.50 a.m. Arr. Kowloon 11.12 a.m.
Dept. Canton 4.15 p.m. Arr. Kowloon 7.39 p.m.

Down Train.

Dept. Kowloon 8.05 a.m. Arr. Canton 11.32 a.m.
Dept. Kowloon 4.02 p.m. Arr. Canton 7.20 p.m.

According to the above schedule the train will take 3 hours and 22 minutes compared with the present time of 4 hours and 35 minutes.

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LOSS OF THE S.S. LIMCHOW.

PASSENGERS & CREW RESCUED.

Ill-luck seems to dog the French shipping firm of Cie Pannier, of Haiphong, which for the second time in one month, has lost a ship as the result of the bad weather which has prevailed along the China coast.

The Changkiang, on a voyage to Shanghai from Hongkong, foundered last month, with the loss of a few lives, and now news has been received in the Colony of the total loss of the s.s. Limchow, which grounded off Pochim Pagoda, Italian Strait, after colliding with the French steamer Canton on Tuesday afternoon.

No Lives Lost.

Fortunately, this last shipping disaster has not been attended by any loss of life. All the passengers were taken off immediately after the vessel had grounded, and Capt. Morganti, the Master, and his crew of about 80, including four European officers, left the ship when it was deemed unsafe to remain as she began to show signs of breaking up.

It is believed that three ships helped in taking the passengers and crew of the foundered Limchow to Haiphong, from where they will proceed to Haiphong. The Canton, which was involved in the collision, took off some of the passengers while the Kingman took the rest. A third vessel, which is thought to be the French steamer Tonkin, was in time to accommodate the officers and crew.

Arriving at Haiphong, Capt. Morganti sent a message to Hongkong informing Messrs. Sing Kee & Co., the local agents, of the latest development, the message being received here yesterday afternoon. It was also stated that as the Limchow had already sunk, a rescue tug was not necessary.

When the message was received here, the Henry Kewick had already been despatched to the scene of the stranding. She left here early yesterday morning and should be at Pochim Pagoda this morning.

Like the Changkiang, the Limchow has been insured with the American Asiatic Underwriters.

Well-Known Here.

The foundered vessel is well-known in Hongkong, being on a regular run between Haiphong and Canton via Pakhoi, Haiphong and Hongkong. She has, it is understood, completed 138 voyages on this run.

She had a cargo of coal and other general cargo on this ill-fated voyage, and it is feared that, like the ship, the cargo will be a total loss.

The Limchow was a steel screw steamer of 2,230 tons gross, and 1,416 tons nett. She was built in 1894 by Blohm & Voss, at Hamburg, and was first known as Thelkla Bollen, which was later changed to Song Ma, on a change of ownership. She passed into the hands of Cie Pannier of Haiphong some nine years ago, when her name was altered to Limchow.

The Limchow was registered at Haiphong, having a length of 290.7 feet, a beam of 38.1 feet and a depth of 23.7 feet. Her engines were capable of developing 157 N.H.P.

SHANGHAI COUNCIL.

RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Shanghai, Apr. 16.
Brig. Gen. Macnaughten and Mr. Sheppard were re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the new Municipal Council, at a meeting held at noon.

—Our Own Correspondent.

THE HONGKONG DOLLAR.

VIEWS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The report of the General Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce for 1930 has been issued. It states:

The downward trend in the price of silver, and consequent drop in the value of the Hongkong dollar, together with the existence of world-wide trade depression, continued to be the principal anxieties of the local business community during 1930. During the first six months of the year the steady decline in exchange deterred Chinese buyers from entering into fresh commitments, and demand was met, to a large extent, by stocks imported during 1929 and earlier, at more favourable exchange rates. As stocks became exhausted, and exchange, during the second half of the year, remained steady at 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d. considerable business was put through. Lower prices of raw materials and keen competition amongst suppliers of cotton goods and metals led to a reduction in prices which largely offset the drop in exchange. The advantage which the fall in the value of silver currency was expected to give to export trade was not in fact experienced, because of lack of interest on the part of buying markets abroad, due to depressed industrial condition and the accumulation of stocks. The slump has also adversely affected China Coastal shipping.

Japanese competition still increases in intensity and scope, and has practically driven cheaper lines of British cotton piece-goods from the market. Considerable participation by Chinese mills is now apparent, and increasing competition from that quarter must be reckoned with. The British Economic Mission to the Far East, appointed to enquire into the possibilities of developing British trade in this part of the world, arrived in China and Japan during the period under review, and investigated Hongkong trading conditions during February, 1931. The report of the Mission is awaited with great interest.

The sharp fall in the value of the Hongkong dollar in recent months has naturally led to discussion of the possibilities of stabilising the currency of the Colony on a gold standard. When asked by the Government for its views, your Committee expressed the opinion that, Hongkong being commercially part of China, a change from a silver currency would be inadvisable while China remains on a silver standard. The Committee joined with the Committee of the British Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, in requesting the China Association to make representations to the British Government in favour of international action on the whole question of silver, particularly as affecting China trade and the country's ability to meet its obligations.

Virtue of Stability.

The Chamber having been approached by the Government in April, 1930, for its views on the currency problem, confirms in the light of subsequent developments, its letter of 28th November, 1929, in reply to the Government's request for its views on the "immediate and prospective effect on the trade and general prosperity of the Colony of the recent fall in exchange and return of the local currency to a silver basis," more particularly the following paragraph: "As the exchange situation has led to suggestions that the Colony's currency should be based upon gold, the Committee takes the opportunity to remark that the ideal currency being one that is stable, there is much to be said in favour of a gold currency. But Hongkong being commercially part of China, a silver standard is in the opinion of the Committee, inevitable. That it will fluctuate is

CANTON-HONGKONG TELEPHONE.

A FORECAST OF FINANCIAL RESULTS.

The work for the installation of the Canton-Hongkong long distance telephone has been contracted to the China Electric Company at a cost of £345,000 equivalent to \$1,638,000 Canton currency, payable to the said company from the annual profits as per agreement, says the Canton municipal report.

With the operation of this service, the average number of calls per day in the first year is estimated at 600. Hongkong 32 currency per call will be charged. The annual receipts for the 1st year are therefore estimated at £k. 432,000, of which two-thirds i.e. £288,000 will go to the Canton treasury, and one-third to Hongkong.

The average number of calls per day in the second year is estimated at 1,000 and in the third year, 1,600. The annual expenses amount to £281,004, including £131,040 interest to be paid to the China Electric Company. The net profit thus will be as follows:

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Second year: \$342,906 (Canton Currency).
Third year: \$717,306 (Canton Currency).

Work on the installation of the Canton-Hongkong long distance telephone has made rapid progress since last September. Cables on the Chinese section from Canton to Shumchen have been laid, while those in the British section from Shumchen to Kowloon are now under way. The whole line will be completed by end of July, and the telephone service will commence operation.

August charges are \$2 Hongkong currency for each call of not more than 3 minutes from Hongkong to Canton, and \$2.50 Canton currency from Canton to Hongkong, according to Mr. Wong Chu-hsun of the Telephone Administration, states the Canton News Agency.

unavoidable; but provided the dollar is in sympathy with the price of silver, and not out of relation to it, as it has been lately (and unfortunately still is, although the premium is considerably less), the Colony's trade will be carried on without undue handicaps, and our handling charges will not be heavier than in other ports in China."

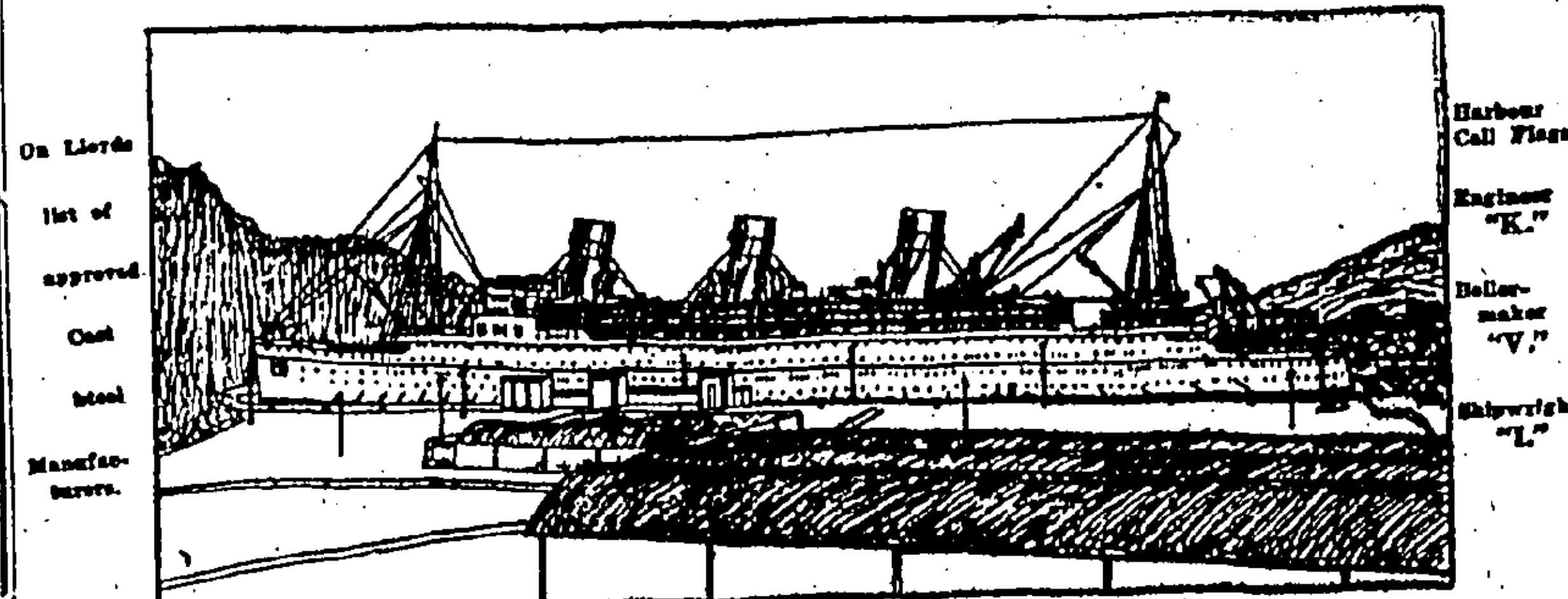
The Chamber, in its letter of November, having expressed the opinion that the fall in exchange would continue to exercise a beneficial effect on exports, commented in its modifying letter that the anticipated impetus to exports had not materialised owing to exchange fluctuations in the buying markets, also to a glut in the world's markets due to over-production. As regards the anticipated benefits of a low exchange in tending to promote the flow of capital to the Colony from abroad (referred to in the Chamber's letter of November) it was agreed that in normal times this should benefit the Colony, especially from an investor's point of view, by making the money market easy, but since the above had been written and been carried out from outside had the effect of keeping up the premium on notes over silver. The higher the premium, the greater the danger of fluctuations, which were exercising a most detrimental effect on the trade of the Colony. In conclusion, the Chamber commented that the premium on notes over silver was not likely to rise in view of the fact that the rates on fixed deposits had been lowered by the Banks, and expressed the view that a reduction in such premium would appear to be contingent on capital being taken out of the Colony.

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COMORIN	15,132	23rd May.	Bombay, M's & L'don
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TILAWA	10,006	8th May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHMIR	8,985	8th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TANDA	6,956	8th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka, & Yoko
RANPURA	16,601	22nd May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
KASHGAR	9,005	5th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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